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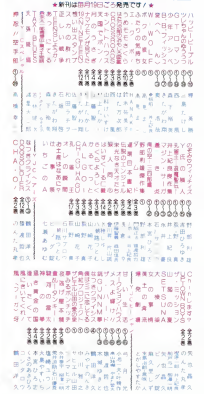

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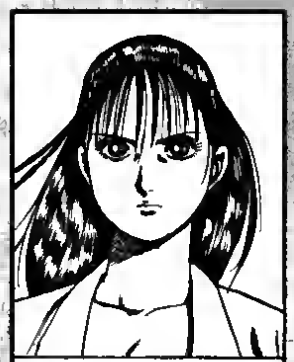

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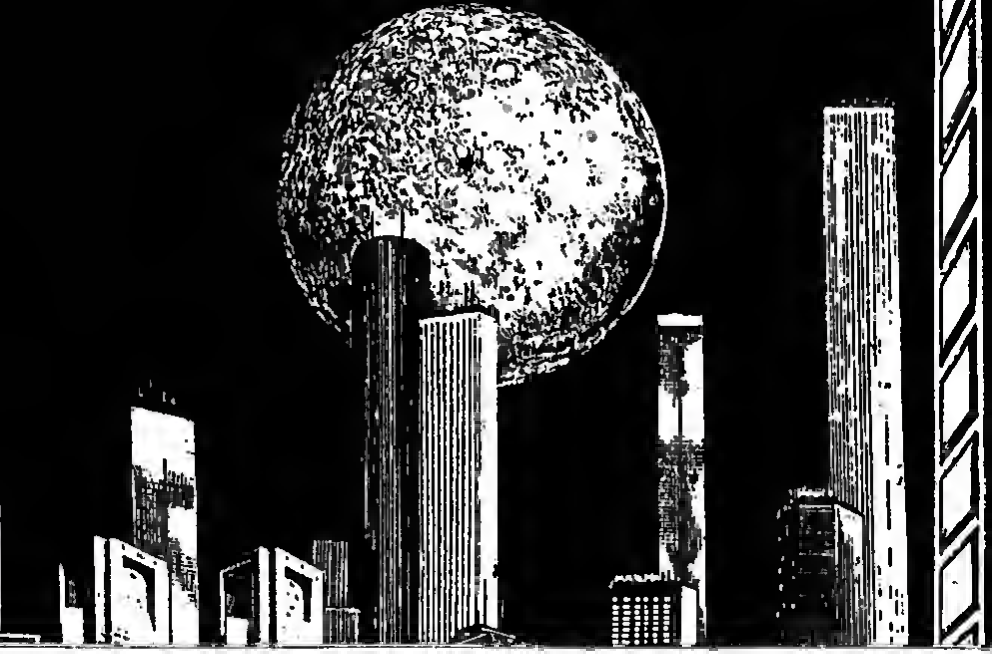
トドロキ・ジン

2039年、滅びゆく世界の中で、唯一、繁栄を続けた国・日本。人々は、ユートピアを求めて日本へやって来るが、この国は〝東京カンパニー〟に支配され、腐り切っていた。カンパニー職員が住むシティと、ダムドの街・スラム——まさに天国と地獄が、そこにはあった。

ジンは、旧友・リョウガを探すため、東京へ戻るが、カンパニー治安警察に追われ、スラムへ逃げこんだ。カンパニーと闘う〝ファミリー・ストーン〟のメンバー・ユウミと出会ったジンは、リョウガと自分が、ともに遺伝子操作された試験管ベイビー〝ハイパー・ヒューマン〟であることを知らされる。果たして誰が、彼らを造ったのか!?

カンパニーに囚われていたリョウガが公開処刑されるニュースを聞き、ジンは、シティに潜入する。ところが、リョウガは、カンパニー側にねがえり、ジンの命を狙う殺人鬼と化していた！　いったんは退却したジンだったが、ダムドたちを生体実験のモルモットにし、悪逆の限りをつくすリョウガに、ジンの怒りは爆発した!!



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CHAPTER 18
WHITE HEAT

No. 877
P... Please save me...

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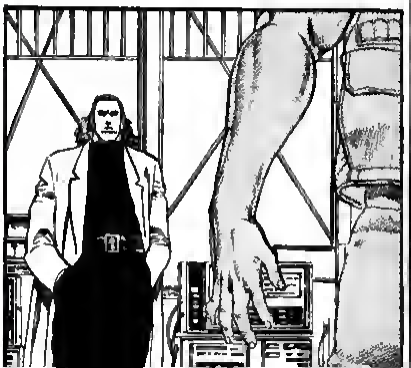


M... Mr. Jin...
S... Save me...

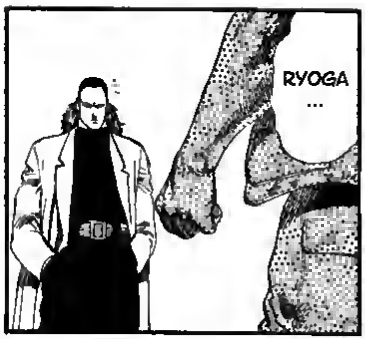
P... please, save us...
Save... us...
THE THEORETICAL DATA I USED TO CREATE T-99 WAS FLAWLESS!
HOW COULD IT STILL HAVE EMOTION...?
Save uuuuuus!

uuu...

WHAT!?
W... We don't want to fight..
But for some reason... We attack you unconsciously...
EVEN IF THEIR EMOTIONS HAVE RETURNED, THERE'S NO WAY THEY CAN STOP THEIR ACTIONS.
I PROGRAMMED EVERY BRAIN IN THE T-99 WITH ORDERS TO KILL YOU ON SIGHT.

THEY'LL CEASE TO HAVE A PURPOSE AND WILL BE REDUCED TO SPECIMEN ONCE MORE...
EVEN KNOWING THAT ONCE THEY KILL YOU,

REGARDLESS OF WHAT THEY WANT, THEY'RE FORCED TO OBEY MY EVERY COMMAND.


RYOGA ...

ARE YOU EVEN HUMAN...!?

IS THERE EVEN RED BLOOD RUNNING THROUGH YOUR VEIIIINS!?
DOESN'T TOYING WITH PEOPLE'S LIVES MAKE YOU FEEL ANYTHING!?

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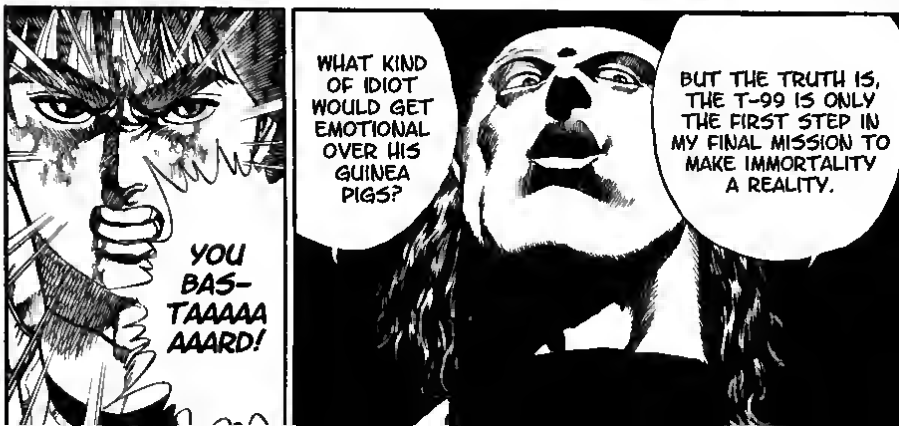
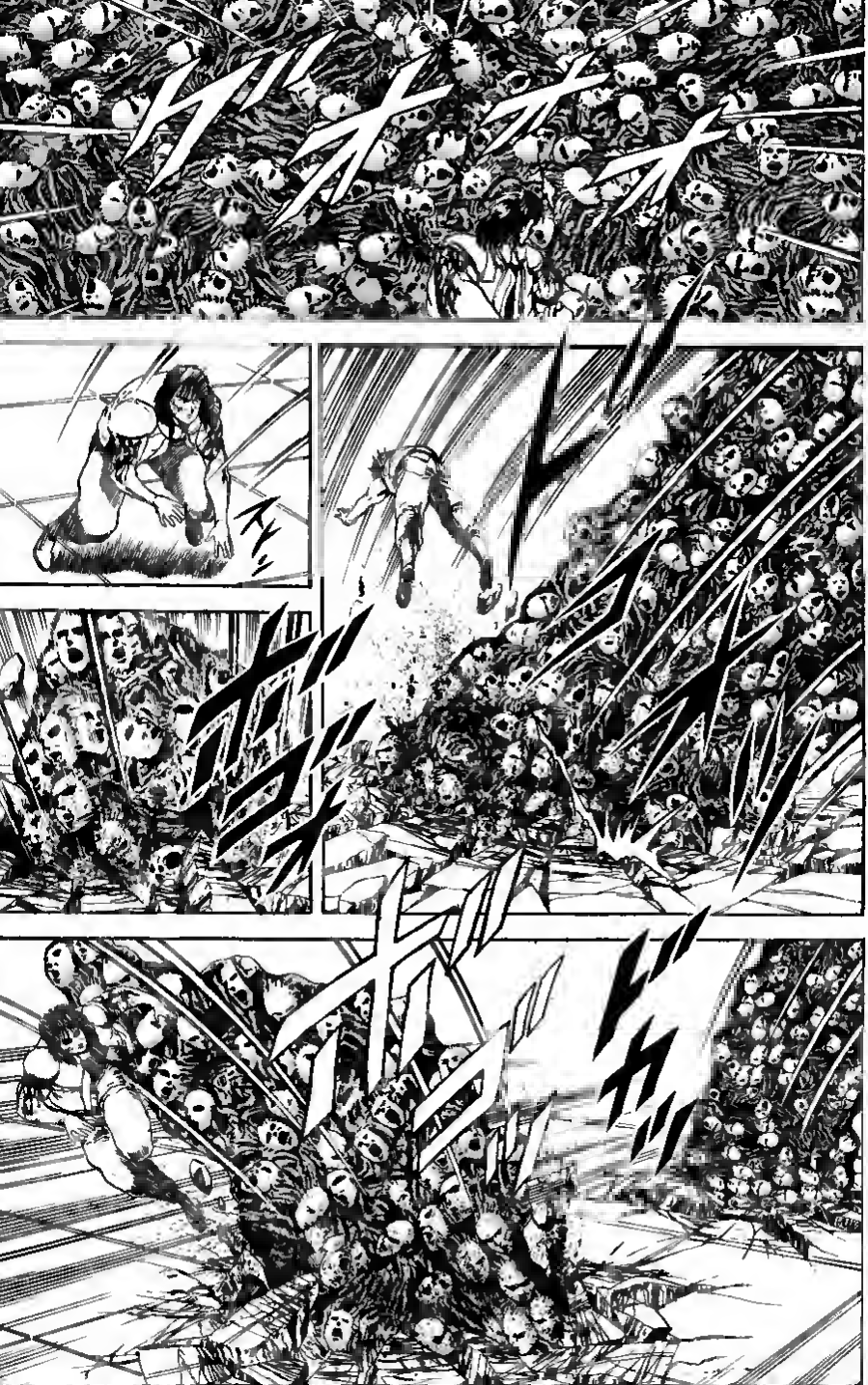

YOU BAS-TAAAAAAARD!
WHAT KIND OF IDIOT WOULD GET EMOTIONAL OVER HIS GUINEA PIGS?
BUT THE TRUTH IS, THE T-99 IS ONLY THE FIRST STEP IN MY FINAL MISSION TO MAKE IMMORTALITY A REALITY.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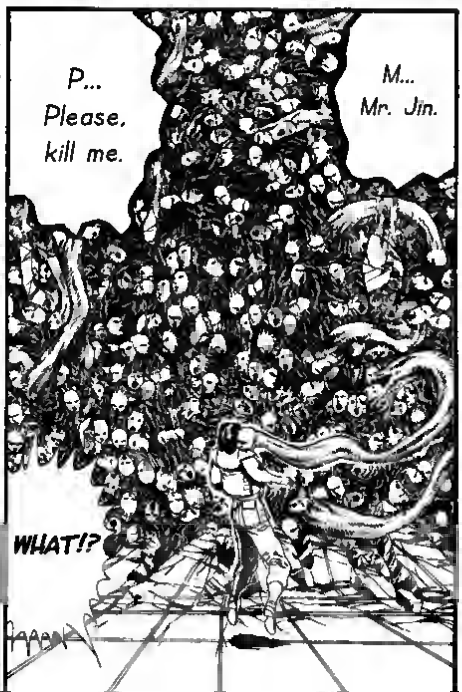
UGAAAH!
No 877

NOW I'M FREE, AREN'T I?
No 817
THANK YOU, MR. JIN.
KUKUKUKUKU... JIN... IRONIC, ISN'T IT? YOU'RE BEING EATEN BY THE VERY MAN YOU SAVED.

From the bottom of my heart... That I was glad... to be alive.
Wh... When you freed me from the bomb.. I... I was so.. happy... I... really felt.
No 817


P... Please, kill me.
M... Mr. Jin.
WHAT!?

B... But now...

P...
Please...
K...
Kill me...
I... realize
that us Numbers...
Can only be free...
when we're dead!
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THAT'S RIGHT. KILL HIM, JIN!!

!!HHHHHHOOOOOOOOON
№877

No.877
THE TEARS YOU CRIED THEN AND THE TEARS YOU'RE CRYING NOW ARE THE SAME.
AS LONG AS YOU STILL HAVE YOUR HEART, YOU'RE STILL HUMAN!
WH... WHAT!?
Wha...
Wh... Why won't... you kill me...?

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FUFUFUFUFU. WHAT A NAIVE MAN YOU ARE.
THE ONLY PATH LEFT FOR YOU NOW IS DEATH!
WHAT!?
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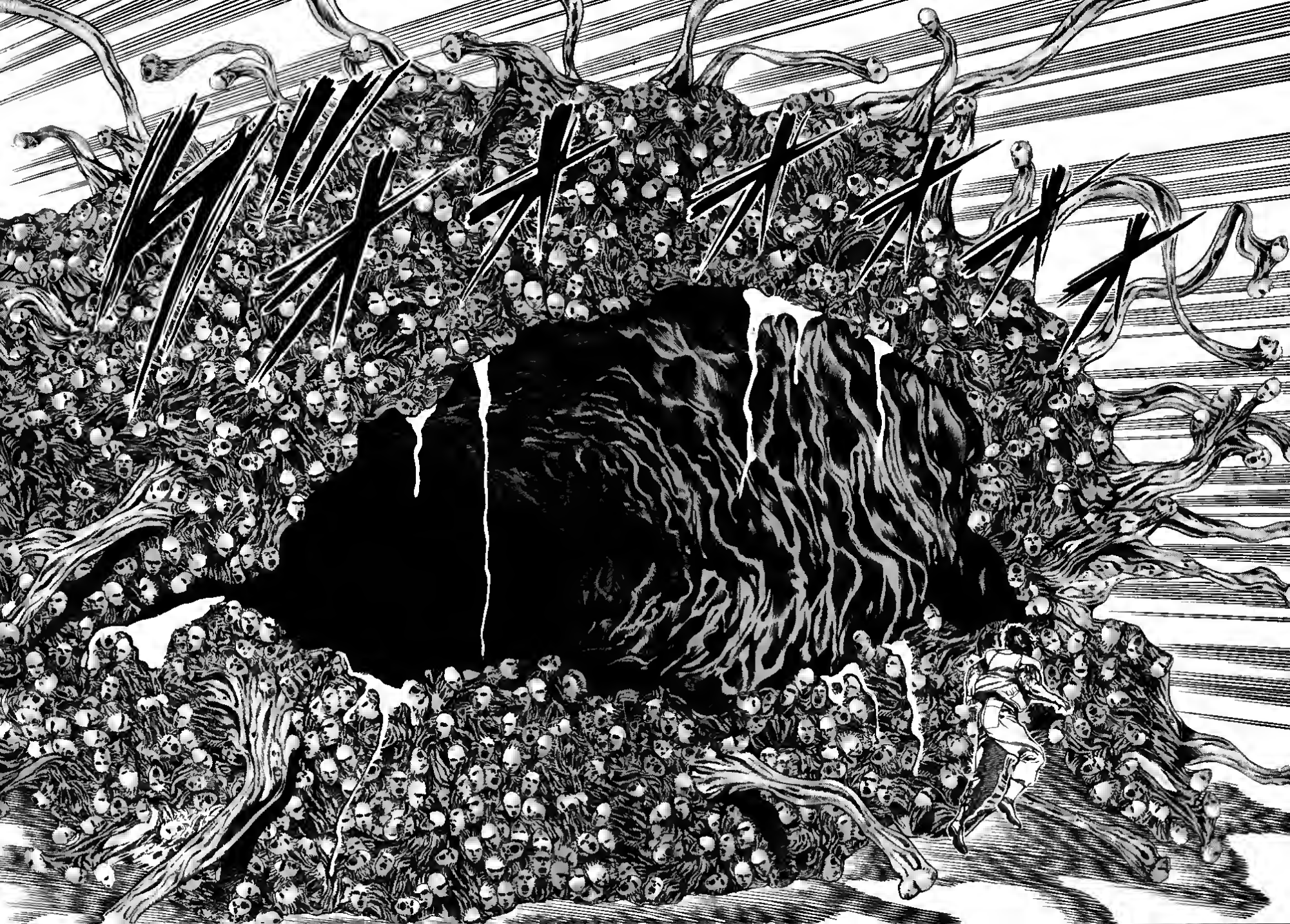
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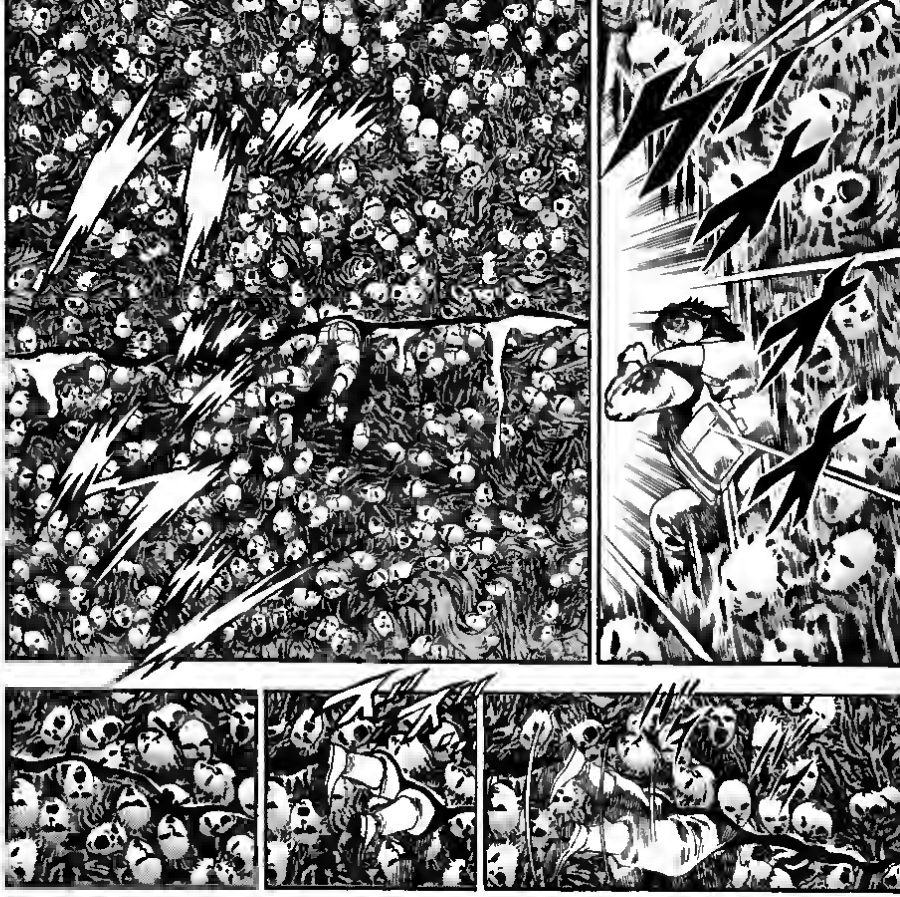

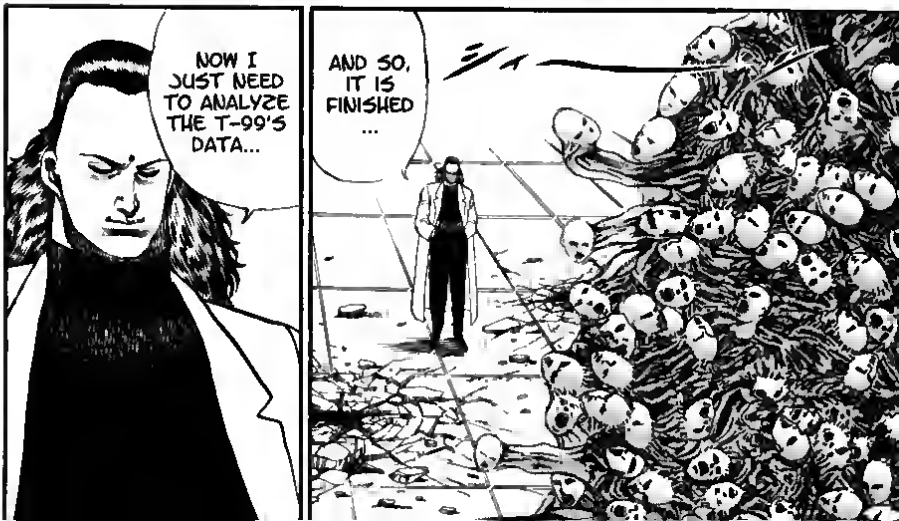
NOW I JUST NEED TO ANALYZE THE T-99'S DATA...
AND SO, IT IS FINISHED ...

AND FREEZE
JIN'S CORPSE.

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drip

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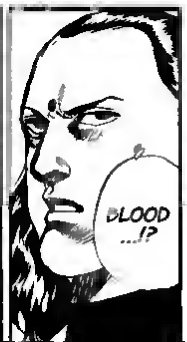
BLOOD
...!?

WHAT!?
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IT CAN ABSORB SHOCK FROM THE OUTSIDE, BUT IT'S WEAK ON THE INSIDE...
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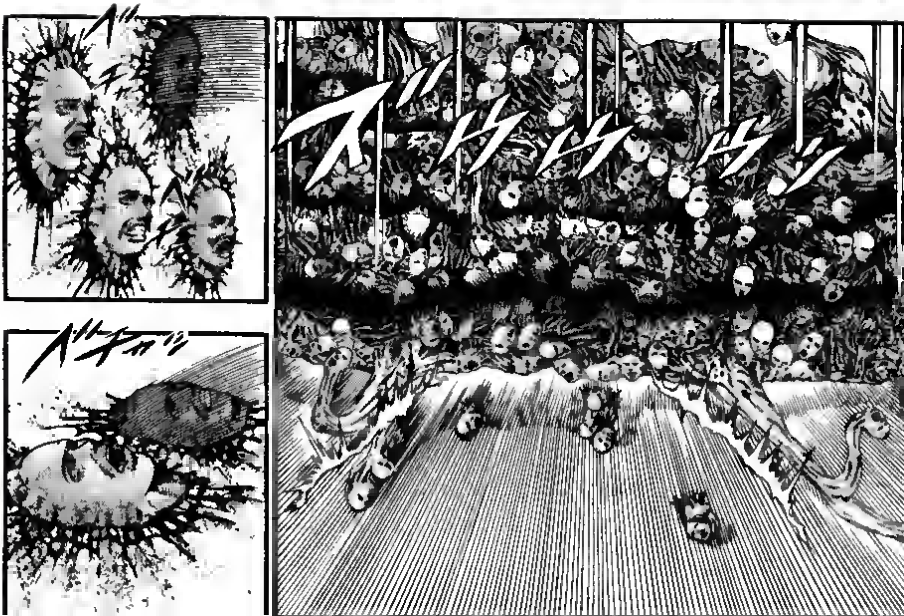
hah
hah
hah



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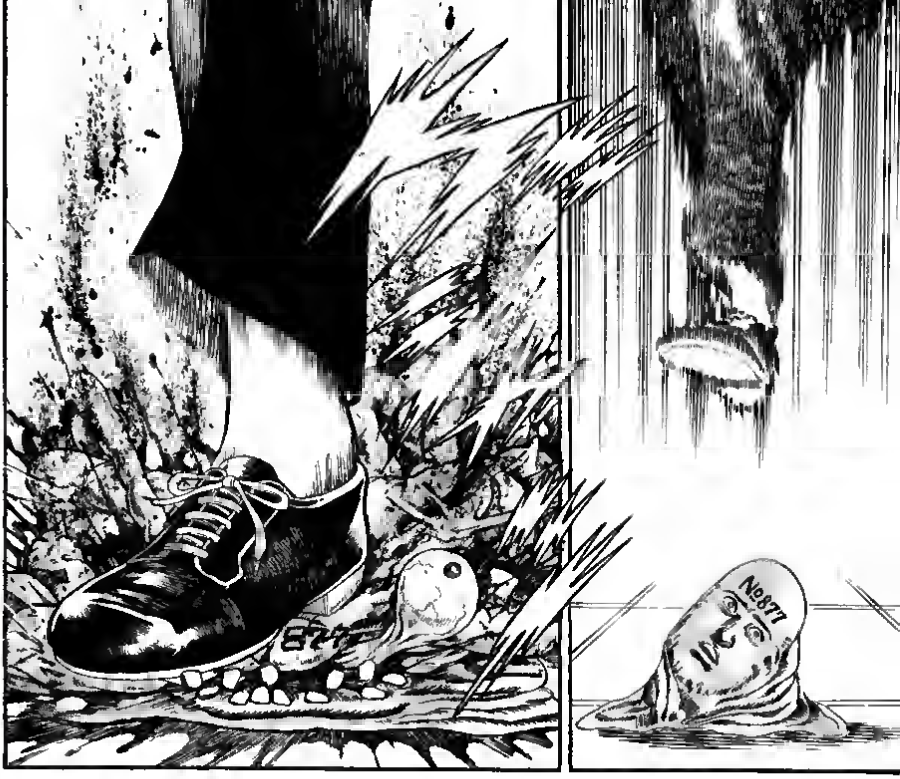
M...
Mr. Jin.
No.877
Th...
Thank...
you...
STUPID
GUINEA
PIG...!!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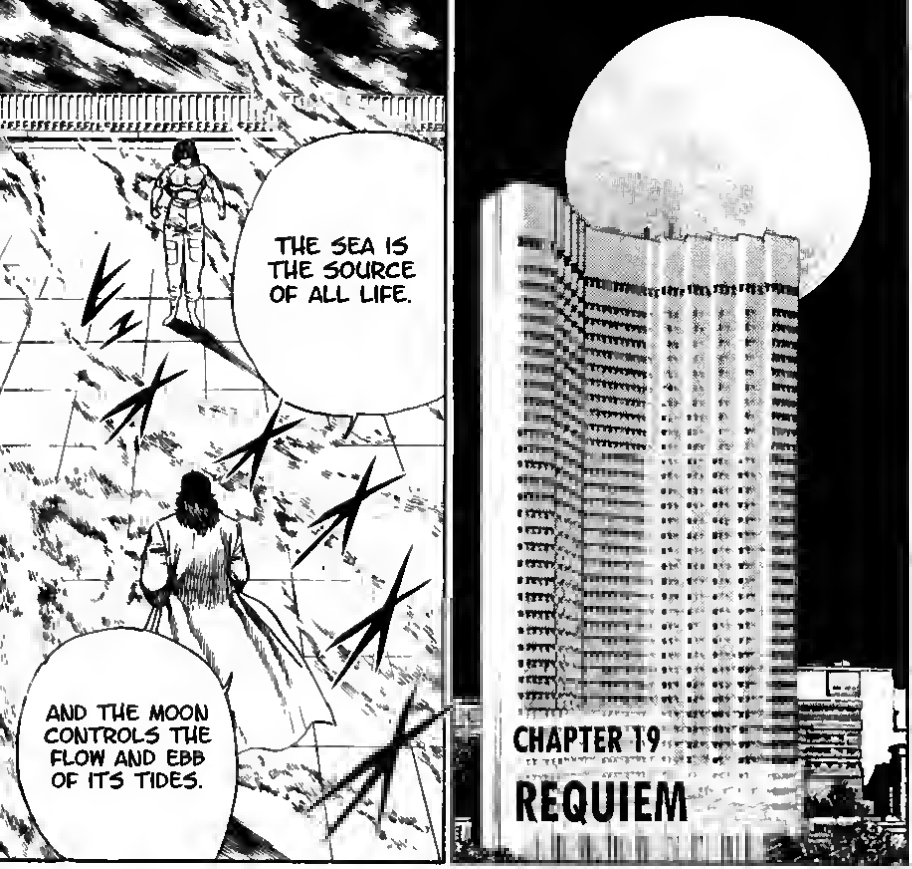
AND AS A FELLOW RETORT BABY...
AS A FELLOW HUMAN...

RYOGA!! I CANNOT FORGIVE YOU!!


THE SEA IS THE SOURCE OF ALL LIFE.
AND THE MOON CONTROLS THE FLOW AND EBB OF ITS TIDES.
CHAPTER 19
REQUIEM

ONE COULD EVEN SAY THAT THE MOON WAS WHAT LED HUMANS TO EVOLVE.

CHAPTER 19
REQUIEM

GOD DOES NOT EXIST IN THIS WORLD.

RYOGA...
YOU WANT TO BECOME GOD!?

BUT ONCE I CONQUER DEATH...
PEOPLE WILL SURELY CALL ME BY THAT NAME.

FUCK YOU!
YOU TOY WITH HUMAN LIVES...
AND YOU HATE LOVE! YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO TALK ABOUT GOD!

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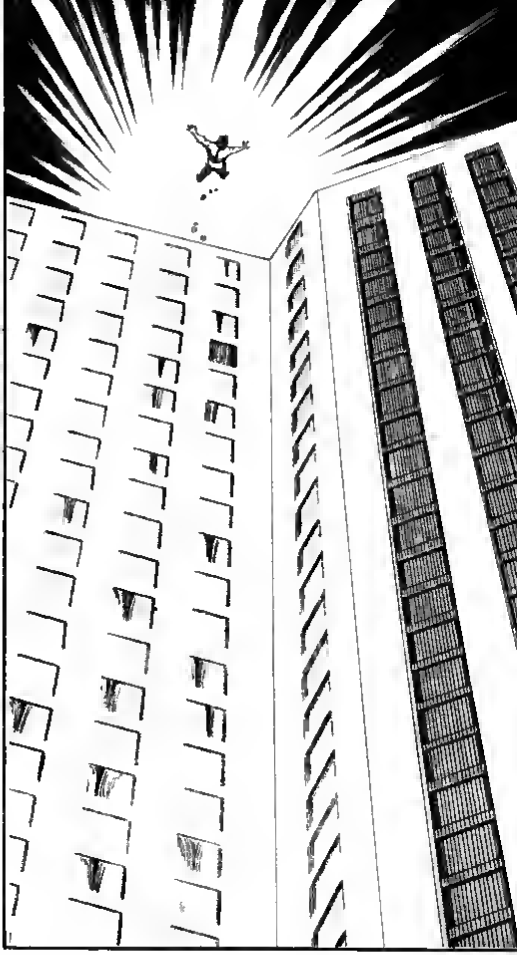
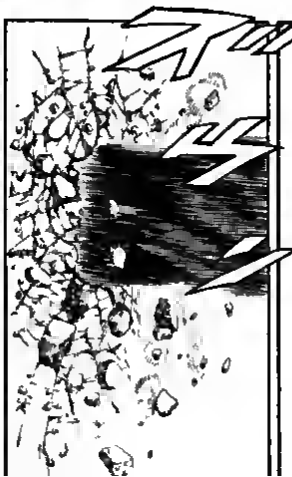
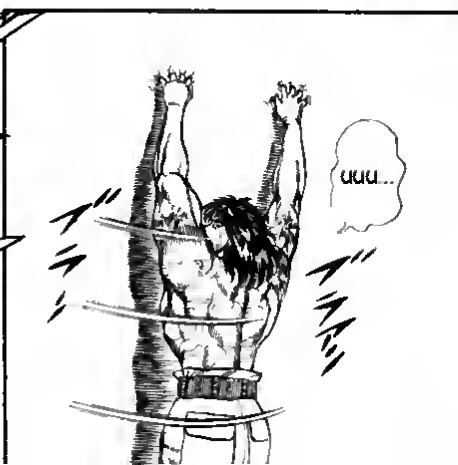
THAT'S ALL YOU'VE GOT...!?

GUWAAAAAAHHH!!!
GUH!



WH...
WHAT!?




UUU...

EVEN WE EVOLVED HUMANS HAVE A LIMIT TO OUR LIFE...
WE'RE DRAWING VERY NEAR TO THAT LIMIT RIGHT NOW...
WE HAVE NO MORE TIME.
WHAT?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...

WE NEED STATE-OF-THE-ART TECHNOLOGY AND EQUIPMENT FROM THE TOKYO COMPANY IN ORDER TO STAY ALIVE.
HYPER HUMANS HAVE SHORTENED LIFESPANS IN EXCHANGE FOR EVOLUTIONARY SUPERIORITY.
IF IT MEANS TORTURING INNOCENT PEOPLE AND EXTORTING MONEY, THEN I DON'T NEED TO STAY ALIVE!
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THAT SORT OF EVOLUTION IS MEANINGLESS!!

WAKE UP, RYOGA!!

DON'T RESIST YOUR DESTINYYYY!

GUAAAHH!

I MUST EVOLVE, FOR THE SAKE OF THE NEXT GENERATION OF THE HUMAN RACE!

NO ONE CAN STOP ME IN MY MISSION!

NOW DIE!! JIN...!!
UGGG GH...

ABANDON YOUR EVOLUTION, AND ALL THAT REMAINS FOR YOU IS "DEATH."

FAREWELL, JIN...!!
I'LL SEND YOU ON TO THE NEXT LIFE IN A SINGLE STRIKE.
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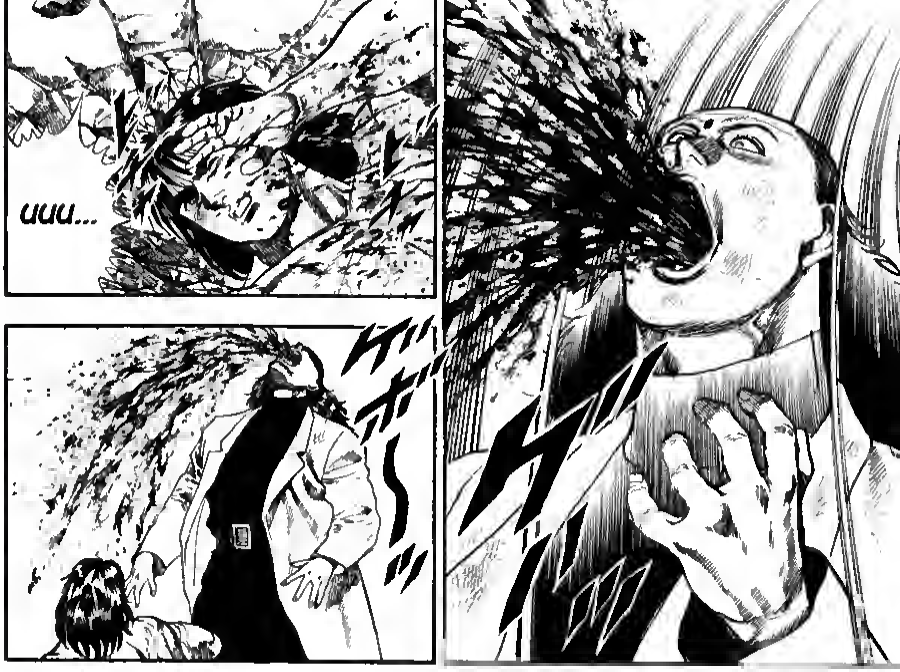
UGUH ...
GUH!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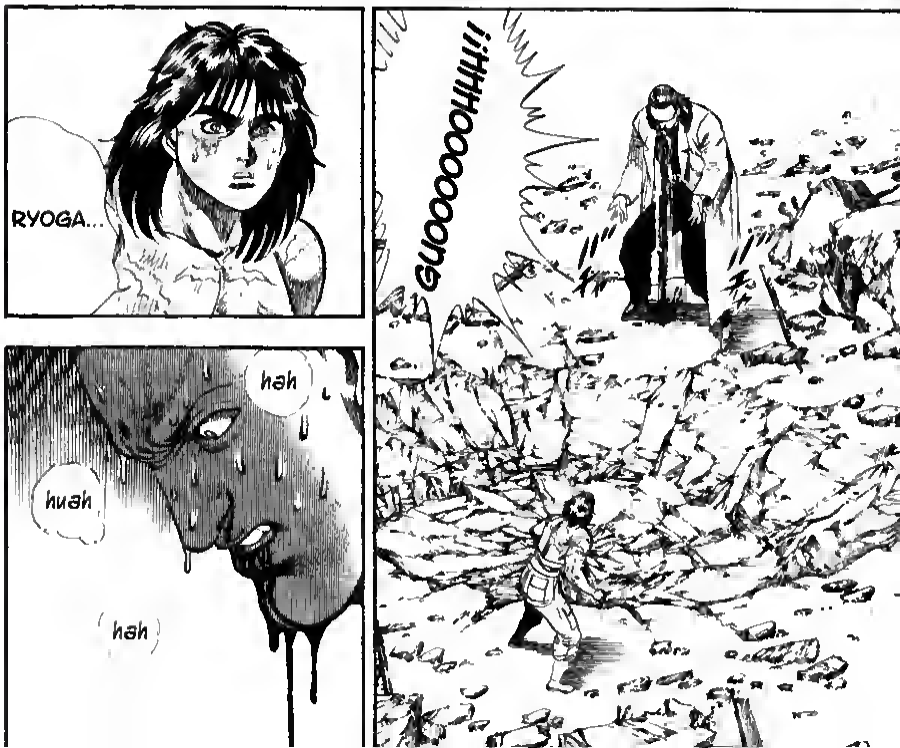
RYOGA...
hah
huah
hah
GUOOOOOOOH!!!

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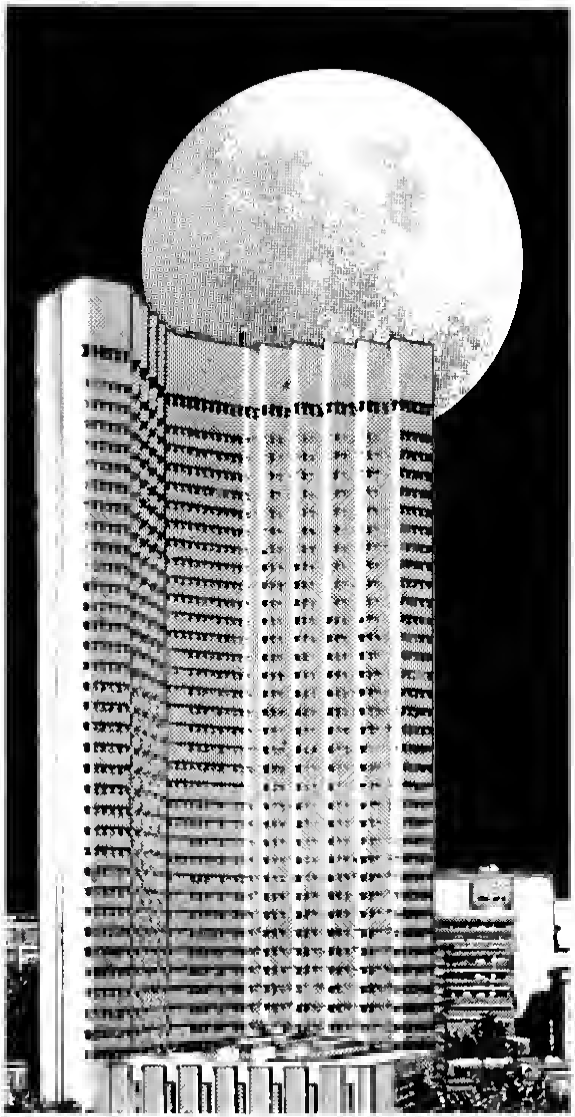
I... DON'T WANT TO DIE YET...
I DON'T WANT TO DIE...
JIN... DO YOU KNOW WHY TWO HYPER HUMANS WERE CREATED...!?

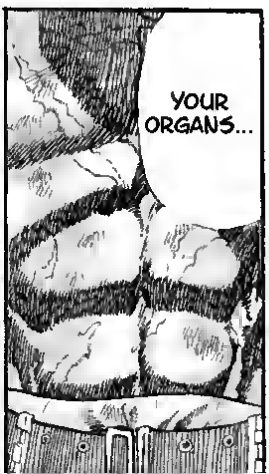
YOU'RE NOTHING BUT MY SPARE PARTS!



CHAPTER 20
APOCALYPSE NOW

S... SPARE PARTS...

THEY'RE ALL SPARE PARTS FOR ME!


YOUR ORGANS...

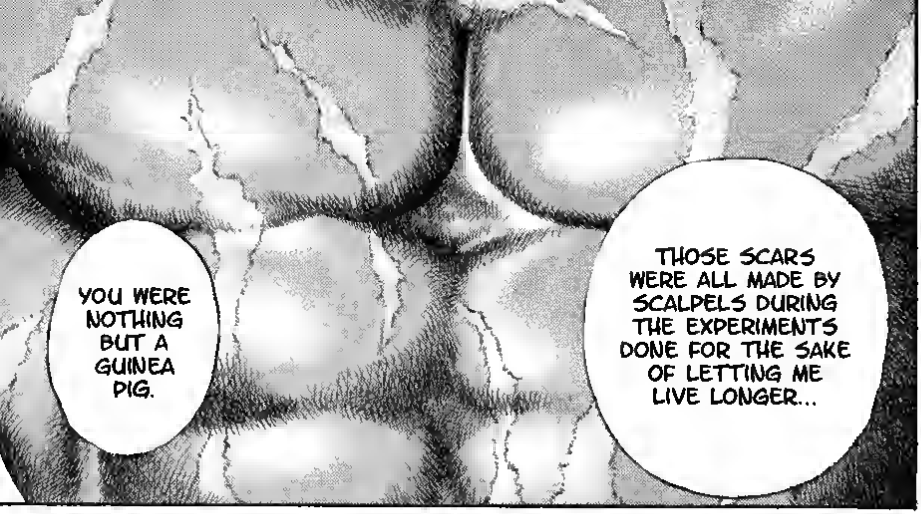
YOUR EYES...

MY ORGANS CAN ONLY BE REPLACED BY THE ORGANS FROM ANOTHER HYPER HUMAN!
L... LIAR!
I DON'T BELIEVE YOU!

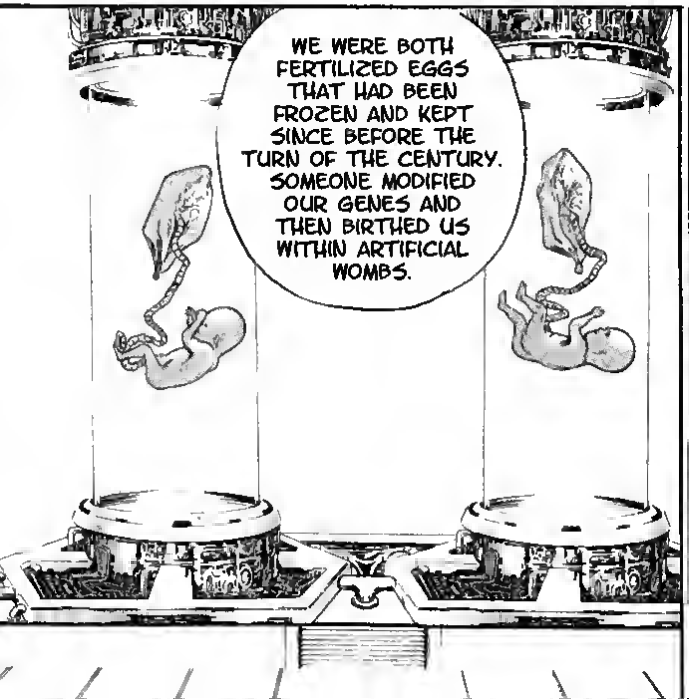
I NEVER IMAGINED MY SPARE WOULD COME TO POSSESS SUCH POWER!
YOU BLEW A HOLE IN THE WALL PURELY FROM AIR PRESSURE .

ENOUGH OF YOUR BULLSHIT!! I DON'T BELIEVE YOU!!

I UNDERSTAND THAT IT'S HARD FOR YOU TO ACCEPT THE TRUTH...
THE COUNTLESS SCARS ON YOUR BODY ARE PROOF OF THAT.
UUU...


YOU WERE NOTHING BUT A GUINEA PIG.
THOSE SCARS WERE ALL MADE BY SCALPELS DURING THE EXPERIMENTS DONE FOR THE SAKE OF LETTING ME LIVE LONGER...

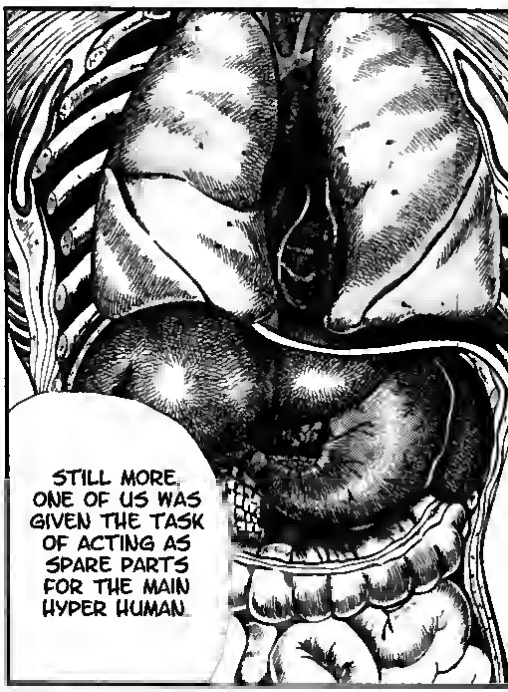
A... A GUINEA PIG!?


WE WERE BOTH FERTILIZED EGGS THAT HAD BEEN FROZEN AND KEPT SINCE BEFORE THE TURN OF THE CENTURY. SOMEONE MODIFIED OUR GENES AND THEN BIRTHED US WITHIN ARTIFICIAL WOMBS.

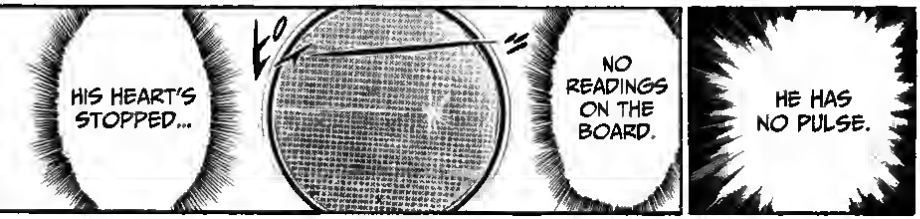
I... I'M A GUINEA PIG?

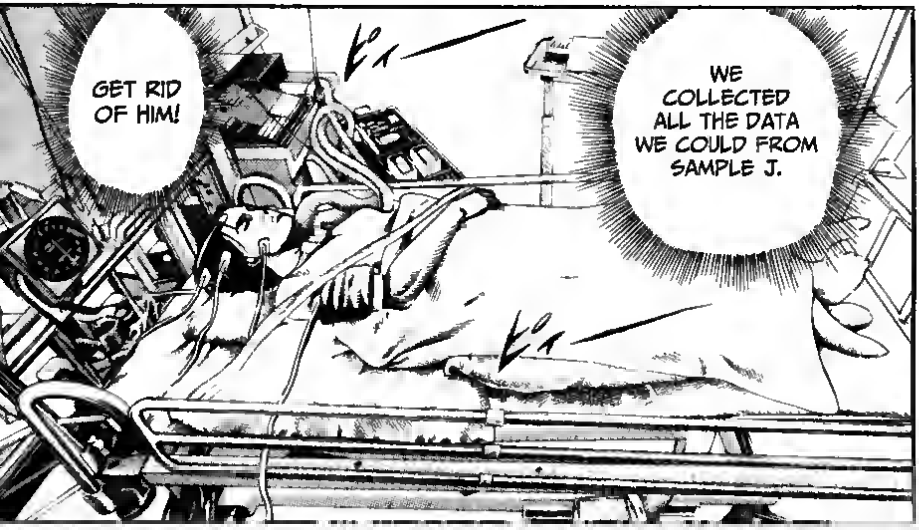
MEANWHILE, WE ALSO WENT UNTIL NUMEROUS PHYSICAL TRAININGS AND ABILITY INSTRUCTION SO THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO FULFILL OUR MISSIONS AS THE SUPERHUMAN BEINGS WHO WOULD SUPPORT THE NEXT GENERATION OF THE HUMAN RACE.

A... ARE YOU SAYING THAT I WAS THE ONE...?


STILL MORE, ONE OF US WAS GIVEN THE TASK OF ACTING AS SPARE PARTS FOR THE MAIN HYPER HUMAN.

CALL UP YOUR OLDEST MEMORIES...
GO AHEAD AND REMEMBER...


HIS HEART'S STOPPED...
NO READINGS ON THE BOARD.
HE HAS NO PULSE.


GET RID OF HIM!
WE COLLECTED ALL THE DATA WE COULD FROM SAMPLE J.

YOU WENT INTO A COMA AFTER AN ACCIDENT DURING AN EXPERIMENT...

YOUR FIRST MEMORY IS BEING REVIVED BY ME.

FOR YOU WERE NOTHING MORE THAN A GUINEA PIG, INCAPABLE OF THINKING OR CRYING.
YOU SHOULD HAVE NO RECOLLECTION OF ANYTHING BEFORE THAT...

Y... YOU DIDN'T REVIVE ME BECAUSE YOU WERE MY FRIEND...!?
WHY... DID YOU SAVE ME BACK THEN...!?
FRIEND ...!?
I FIGURED THAT LEAVING YOU ALIVE UNTIL MY DEATH GOT NEAR WAS THE SMARTER PLAN.
I COULD HAVE FROZEN YOU, BUT FRESH ORGANS ARE SAFER FOR TRANSPLATING.
I'VE NEVER ONCE THOUGHT OF ANY OF MY GUINEA PIGS AS A FRIEND.

AND NOW, I'LL FREE YOU FROM ALL YOUR PAIN!!
FUFUFUFU... MENTAL PAIN GOES DEEPER THAN PHYSICAL PAIN.
.....

GUAAAHHH!!!

YOU'VE NEVER BEEN ANYTHING BUT A GUINEA PIG.
FAR FROM A MATCH FOR A PERFECTED HYPER HUMAN LIKE ME.
!

JIN...!!

I WASN'T BORN FOR YOUR SAKE.
MMMM YOU'RE DEFINITELY A WELL-MADE SPARE BODY.
EVEN WITHOUT A GENIUS BRAIN LIKE MINE, YOUR BODY IS QUITE DURABLE.
THE REASON I WAS BORN...
WAS TO DESTROY YOU IF YOU TURNED INTO A DEVIL IN ORDER TO LIVE ON!

CHAPTER 21 FIREWORKS

CHAPTER 21
FIREWORKS

SAY WHATEVER YOU WANT...
I KNOW THAT I MUST KILL YOU!
UUUU!

UGAAAAHH!!!

DEFEATING YOU IS THE REASON I EXIST!!

WATCH ME CHANNEL MY ANGER THROUGH THESE FLAMES...
JUST WATCH, RYOGA...
CREATING FLAMES WITH AIR PRESSURE, EH? NOT BAD, I SUPPOSE...
AND REDUCE ALL OF YOUR AMBITION INTO ASH!!

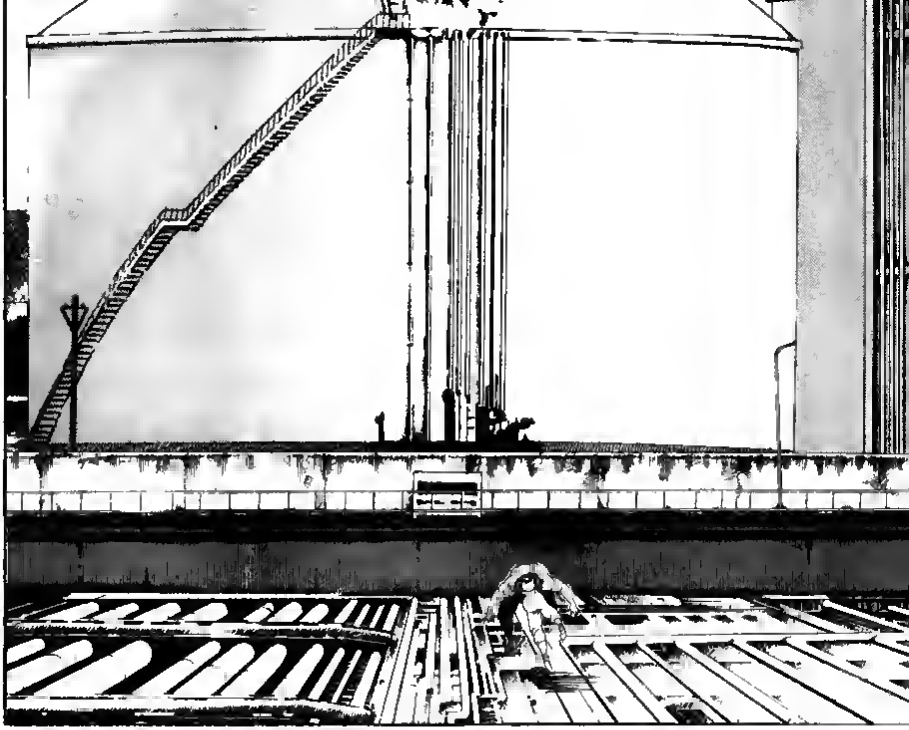
UWAAAAAHHH!!
FUFU FUFU...
WHAT!?
YOU THINK YOU CAN BEAT ME WITH JUST THAT!?

YOU ALREADY KNOW THAT MY BRAIN IS FAR GREATER THAN YOURS... BUT MY BODY IS AS WELL!
NO ONE IS CLOSER TO GOD THAN ME...
COME AT ME, JIN...!!
THE SIXTY TRILLION CELLS RACING THROUGH MY BODY THIRST FOR BATTLE!
HHHHHHHO!!

GIIIHHH!
GUOHHH!

GUHAH!
GUH!
I SAID COOOOOOOOME!!
OOOOOOOO

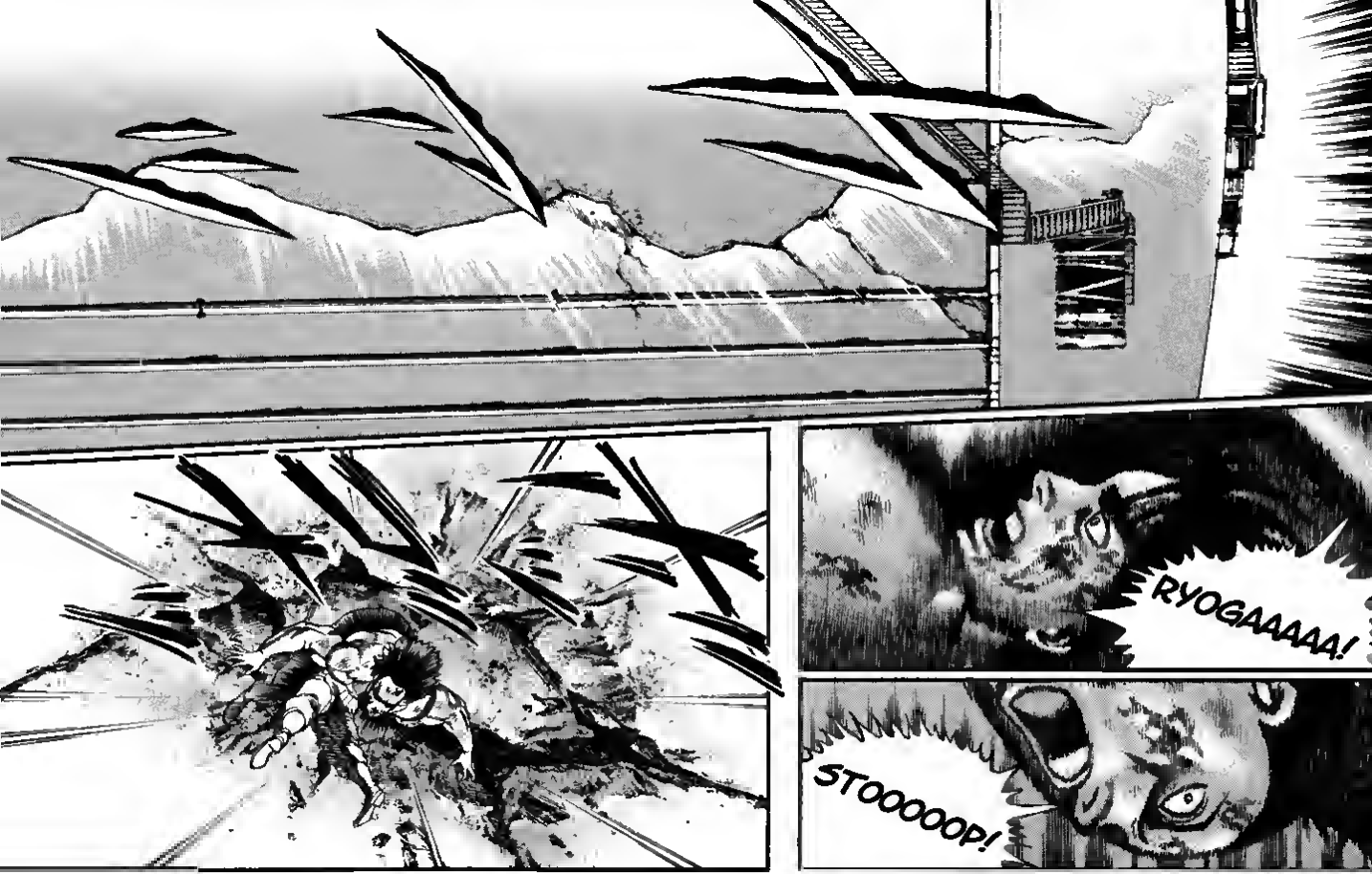
WHAT!?



THEN LET'S GO TO HELL TOGETHER!

JIN..!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?

IF WE CANNOT COEXIST,


RYOGAAAAA!
STOOOOOP!

WHAM

WHAT!? AN EXPLOSION IN THE CITY...!?

M... MR. JIN...

WHAT!?

UGUGUH...

THIS WORLD DOESN'T NEED HYPER HUMANS...

WE NEVER SHOULD HAVE BEEN BORN.

I WILL KILL YOU, AND THEN TAKE MY OWN LIFE!!

CHAPTER 22
CRASH
EMERGENCY!!
EMERGENCY!!
THERE HAS BEEN A GAS EXPLOSION IN THE CENTRAL LAB!! EMPLOYEES IN CITY ZONES B AND C ARE TO EVACUATE AT ONCE!

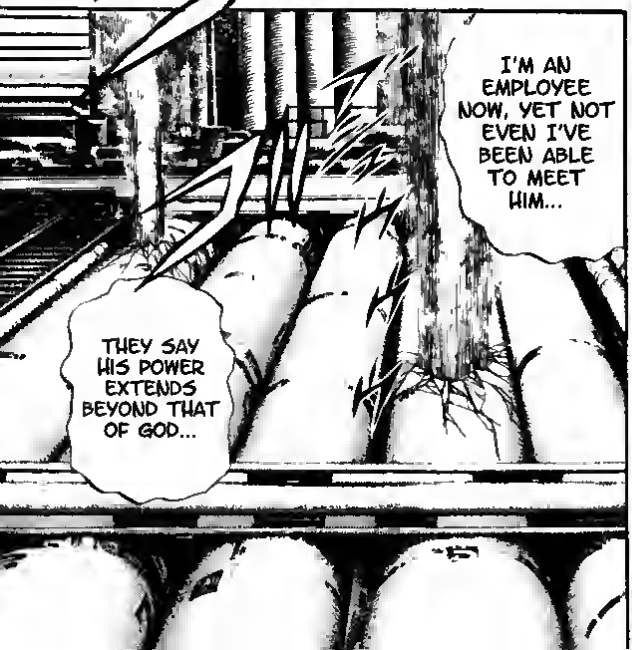
CHAPTER 22
CRASH

I WILL KILL YOU, THEN TAKE MY OWN LIFE!!
WHAT!?

RYOGA... Y... YOU...
EVEN I HAVE EMOTIONS.
I'M NOT CRYING OUT OF FEAR FOR MY OWN DEATH.
BUT DON'T MISUNDER-STAND.

WHAT!?
IF YOU WANT TO KILL ME, THEN KILL ME.
BUT IF YOU KILL ME, THEN YOU WILL NEVER KNOW WHO CREATED US.
DON'T YOU CARE!?
CAN YOU REALLY DIE WITHOUT ANY REGRETS!?
RYOGA...!? YOU KNOW!?
YOU KNOW WHO CREATED US!?
I... I DON'T KNOW EITHER...
THAT'S WHY I'M CRYING... OUT OF FRUS-TRATION...
BUT...

TOKYO COMPANY
BUT THE CEO OF THE TOKYO COMPANY MUST HAVE PARTICIPATED IN OUR BIRTH IN SOME WAY...


I'M AN EMPLOYEE NOW, YET NOT EVEN I'VE BEEN ABLE TO MEET HIM...
THEY SAY HIS POWER EXTENDS BEYOND THAT OF GOD...

THE CEO OF THE TOKYO COMPANY..!?

FUFUFUFU... IF YOU DON'T KILL ME NOW, YOU'LL REGRET IT LATER.
AS LONG AS I'M ALIVE, I'LL BE AFTER YOUR BODY.. AND I'LL KEEP ON SAMPLING THE DAMNED AND EXPERIMENTING ON THEM...
THE FLAMES WILL EVENTUALLY PUNCTURE THE UNDERGROUND GAS VALVES AND CREATE A SECOND EXPLOSION.
KILL ME!!
I... I DON'T HAVE ANY STRENGTH TO FIGHT BACK ANYMORE...
HOW COULD A GUINEA PIG LIKE YOU FEEL BAD FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME!?
WHY!? WH. WHY ARE YOU LOOKING DOWN ON ME WITH THOSE EYES OF PITY...!?

THAT'S ALL I WAS THINKING ABOUT...
BUT I WOULD NEVER WANT TO TURN OUT LIKE YOU.
I MAY BE A GUINEA PIG...

HOW DARE YOU!!

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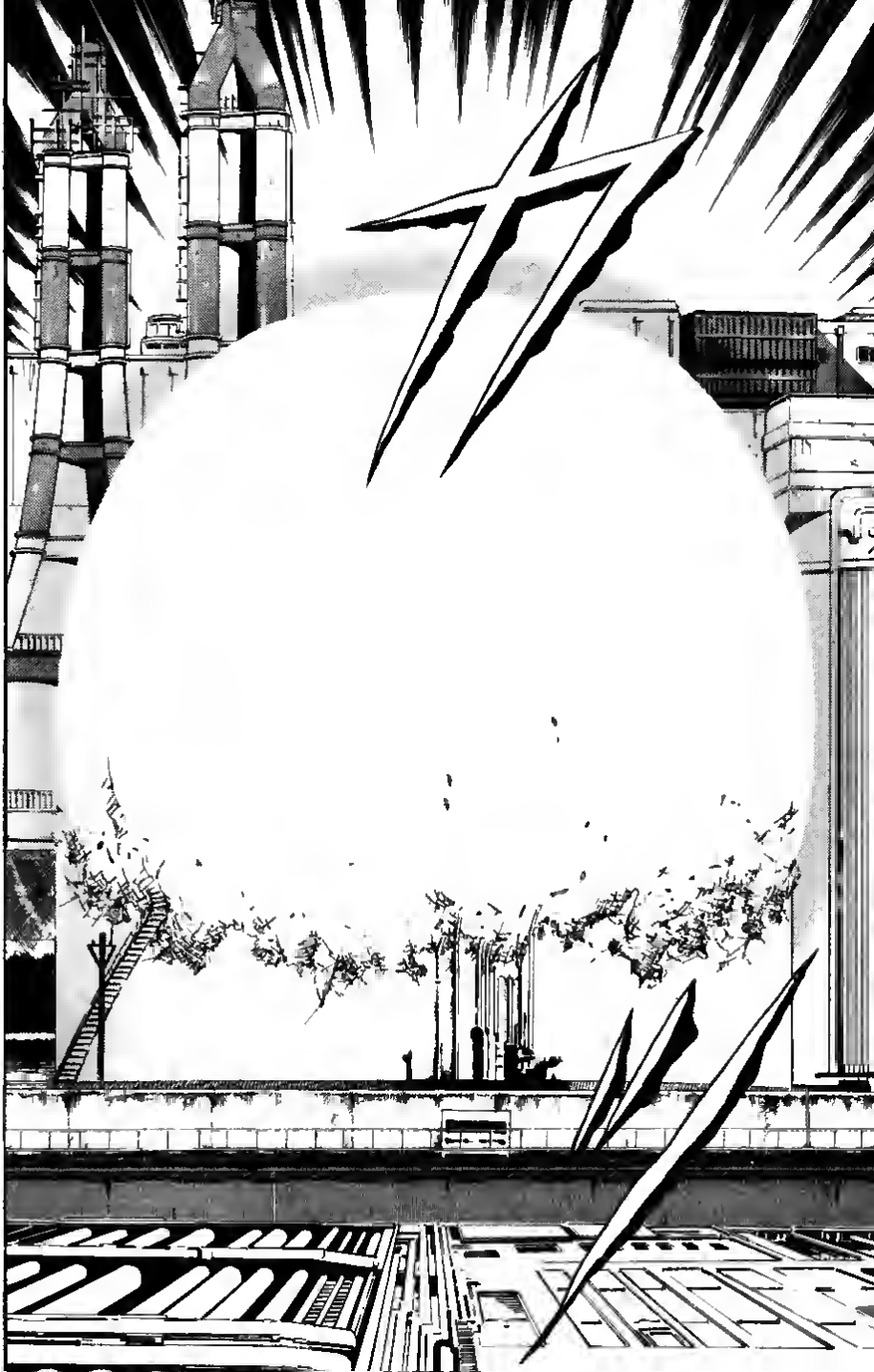
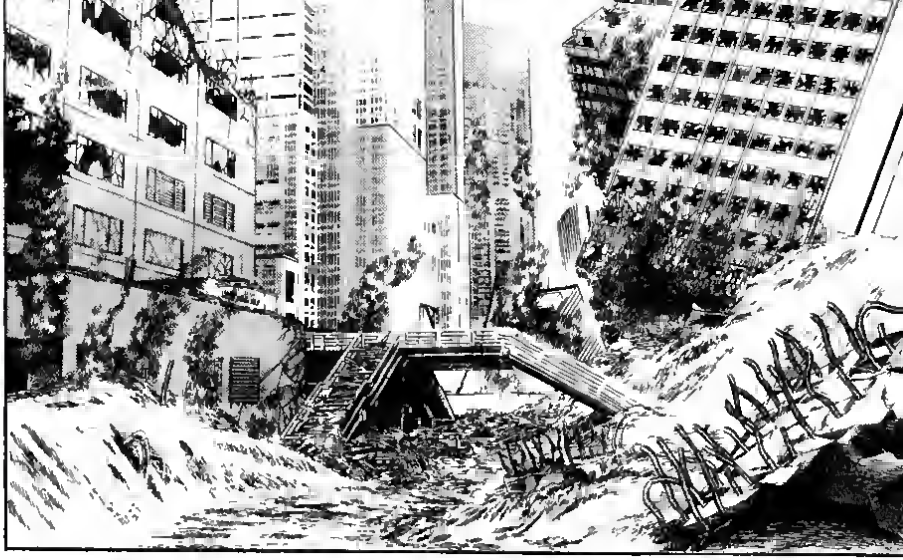
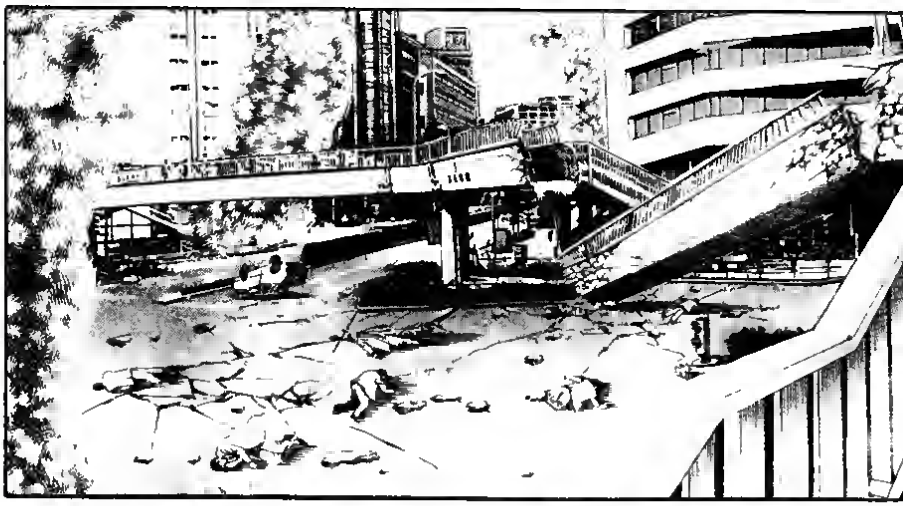
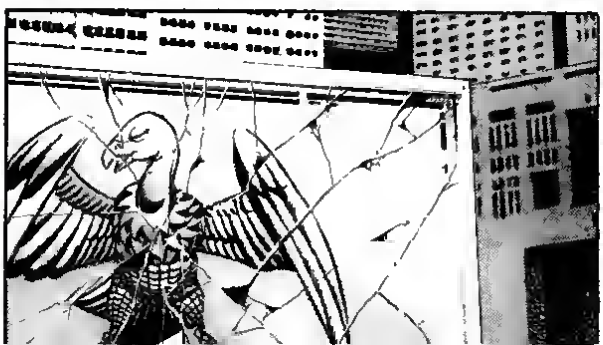


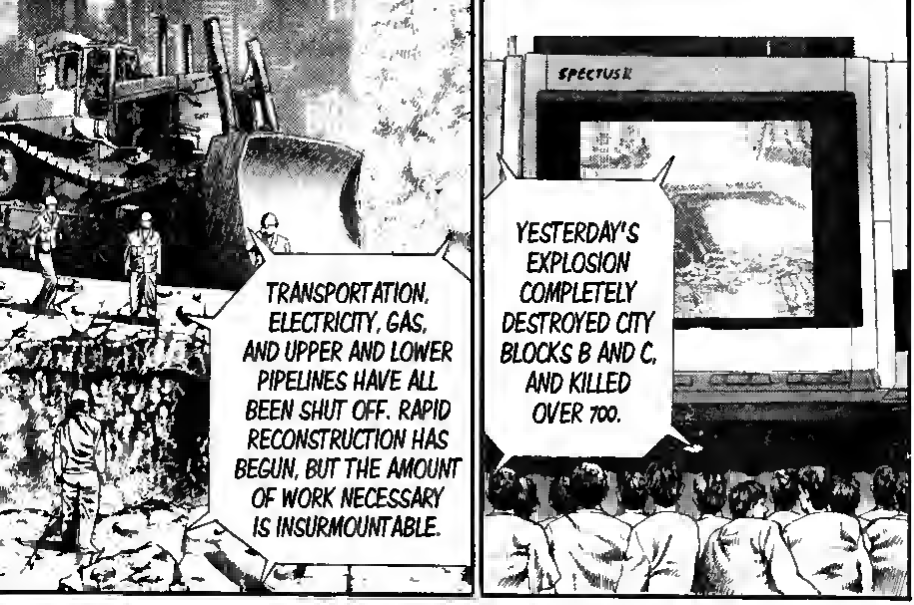
UWAAAAAAAHH!!
¡¡HHHOOOOOOOHH!!

ANOTHER EXPLOSION!! RUN!!



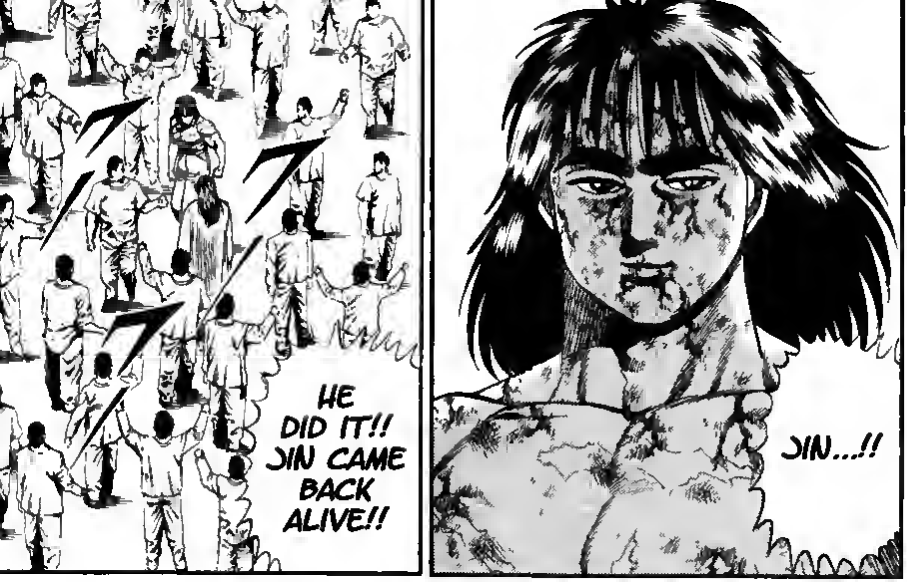


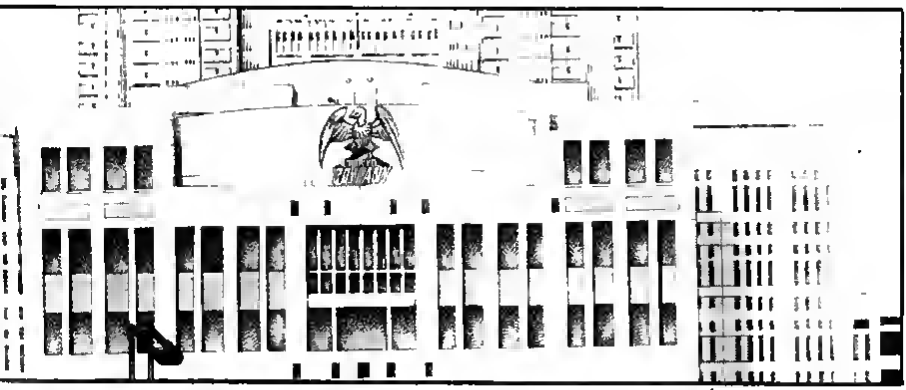



TRANSPORTATION, ELECTRICITY, GAS, AND UPPER AND LOWER PIPELINES HAVE ALL BEEN SHUT OFF. RAPID RECONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN, BUT THE AMOUNT OF WORK NECESSARY IS INSURMOUNTABLE.
SPECTUS II
YESTERDAY'S EXPLOSION COMPLETELY DESTROYED CITY BLOCKS B AND C, AND KILLED OVER 700.

SINCE YOU DIDN'T GIVE US NUMBERS GAS IN OUR DISTRICT, WE'RE COMPLETELY FINE!!
TAKE THAT!! HOW DOES IT FEEL NOW!?

H... HEY, LOOK AT THAT!!


HE DID IT!! JIN CAME BACK ALIVE!!
JIN...!!



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WH... WHERE'S THE... CEO...!?
Y... YOU'RE ...

NUUUUUU... TA... TAKE ME TO THE CEO...!!
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CHAPTER 23 UNDERGROUND

Y... YOUR FACE...
FUFUFUFUFU! ALL THE BLOOD IN MY BODY IS BOILING...
I CAN FEEL MY BODY REVIVIFYING...
CHAPTER 23
UNDERGROUND

I DON'T CARE ABOUT SIDE-EFFECTS.
ALL I CARE ABOUT IS THE MAN YOU WORSHIP AS GOD.
TELL ME!! SUGAWARA...!! WHERE'S THE CEO!?
I'LL KILL YOU.

IT'S THE ONLY TIME ALL YEAR WHEN WE GET TO HEAR THE "WORDS OF OUR CEO
A TOKYO COMPANY FOUNDATION MEMORIAL WILL BE HELD
WHEN THE MOON BECOMES FULL...
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WANTED TO MEET HIM SO BADLY...
HE'LL APPEAR ON THAT DAY!?
ALTHOUGH, HIS INTEREST MAY NOT LIE WITH YOU, BUT RATHER, THE OTHER ONE
THE CEO IS INDEED INTERESTED IN A HYPER HUMAN.
I'M NOT SURE WHETHER THE CEO WISHES TO MEET WITH YOU, BUT...

JIN MAY BE THE TRUE HYPER HUMAN.
THE MAN WHO APPEARS TO HAVE A STRONGER BODY THAN YOU...
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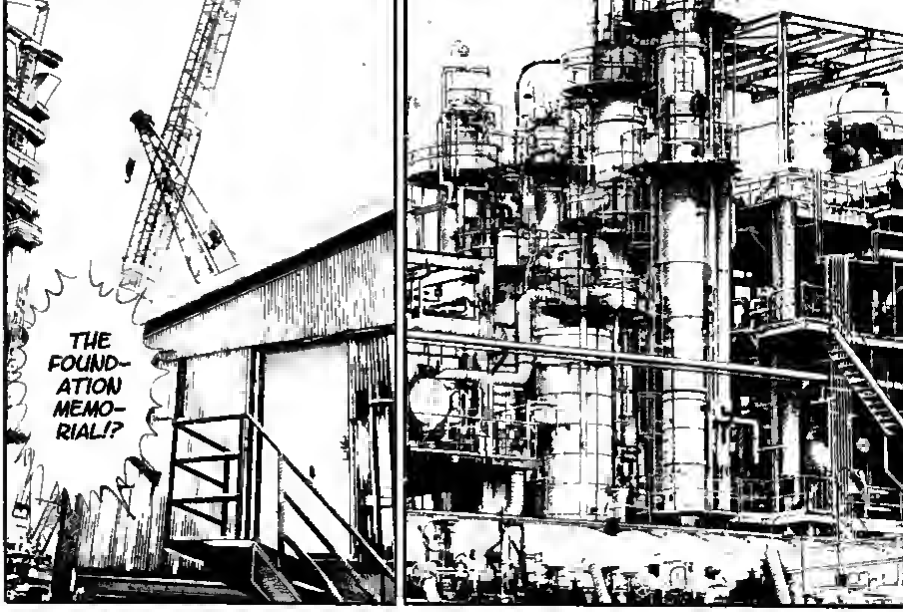
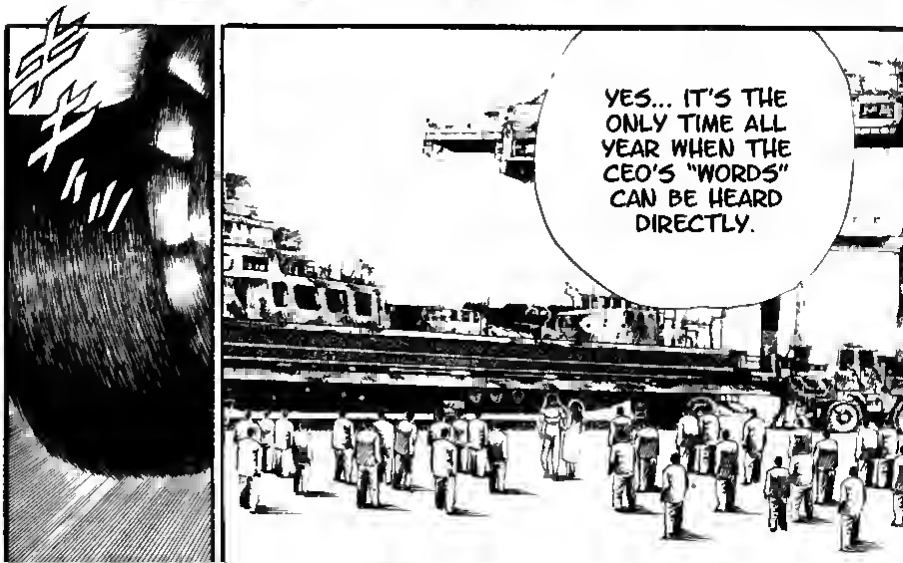
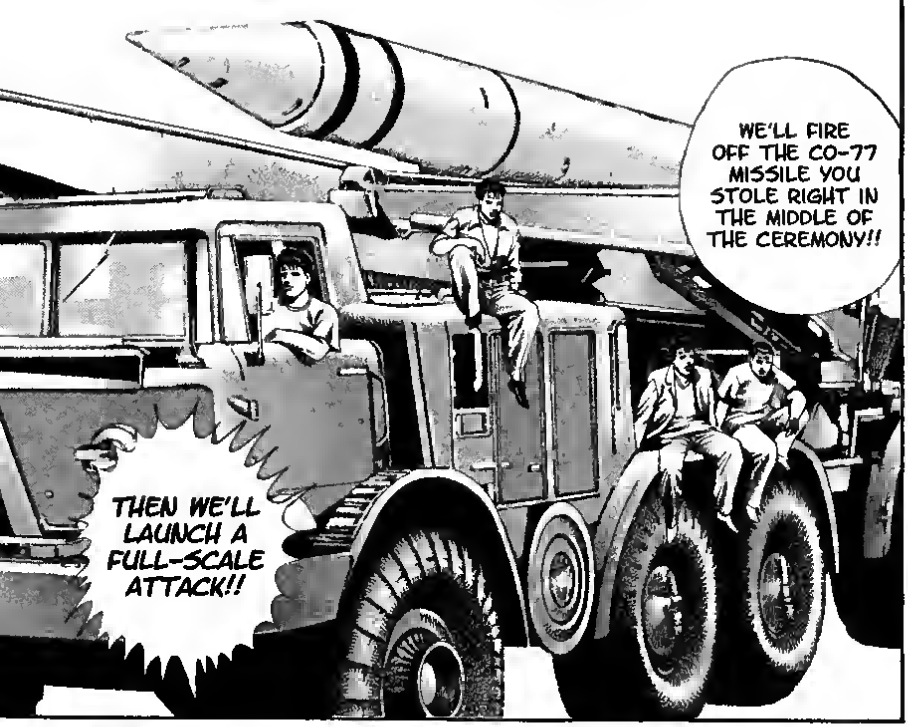
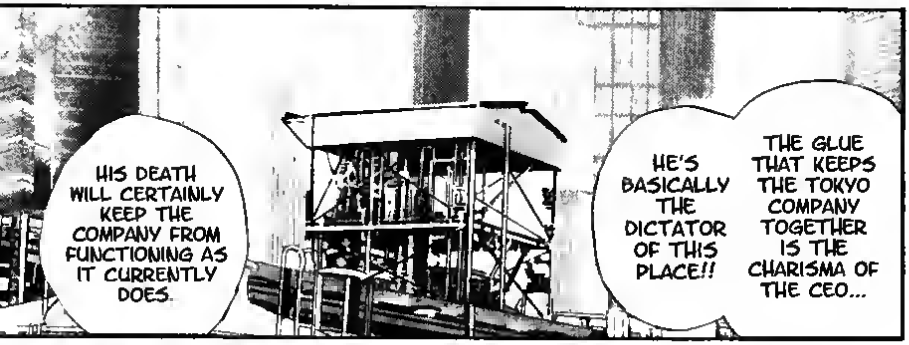

THE FOUND-ATION MEMO-RIAL!?

THAT'S WHEN THE CEO WILL APPEAR!?


YES... IT'S THE ONLY TIME ALL YEAR WHEN THE CEO'S "WORDS" CAN BE HEARD DIRECTLY.


WE'LL FIRE OFF THE CO-77 MISSILE YOU STOLE RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CEREMONY!!
THEN WE'LL LAUNCH A FULL-SCALE ATTACK!!


HIS DEATH WILL CERTAINLY KEEP THE COMPANY FROM FUNCTIONING AS IT CURRENTLY DOES.
HE'S BASICALLY THE DICTATOR OF THIS PLACE!!
THE GLUE THAT KEEPS THE TOKYO COMPANY TOGETHER IS THE CHARISMA OF THE CEO...

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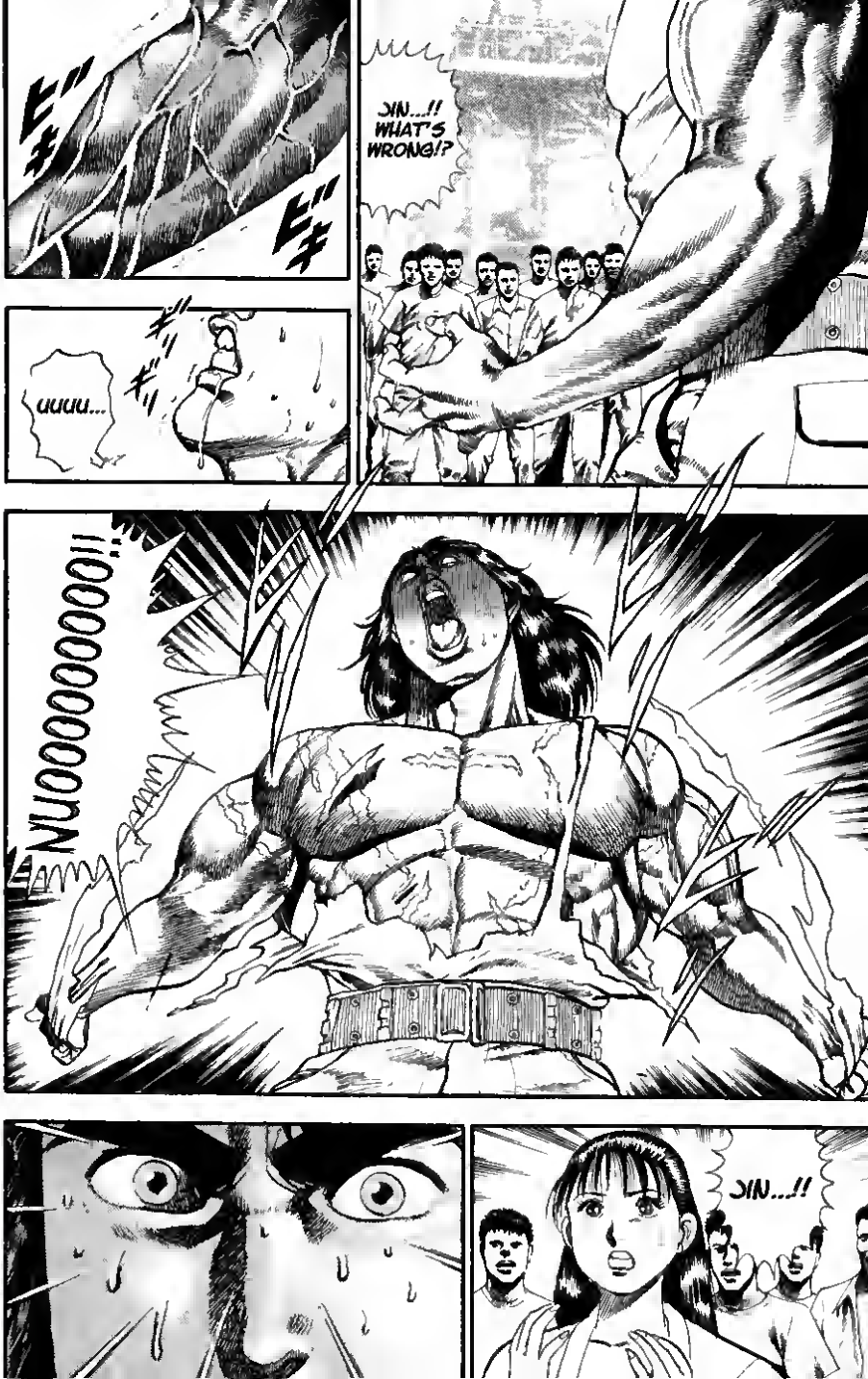
THAT MEMORIAL IS THE PERFECT CHANCE FOR US TO TAKE BACK TOKYO!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JIN...!! WHAT'S WRONG!?
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NUOOOOOOOO!!
JIN...!!

WHAT'S HAPPEN-ING...

HYPER HUMANS HAVE SHORTENED LIFESPANS IN EXCHANGE FOR EVOLUTIONARY SUPERIORITY.

GUOOOOH!!!

M... MY DEATH IS NEAR...
LOOKS LIKE WHAT RYOGA SAID WAS TRUE.

JIN...

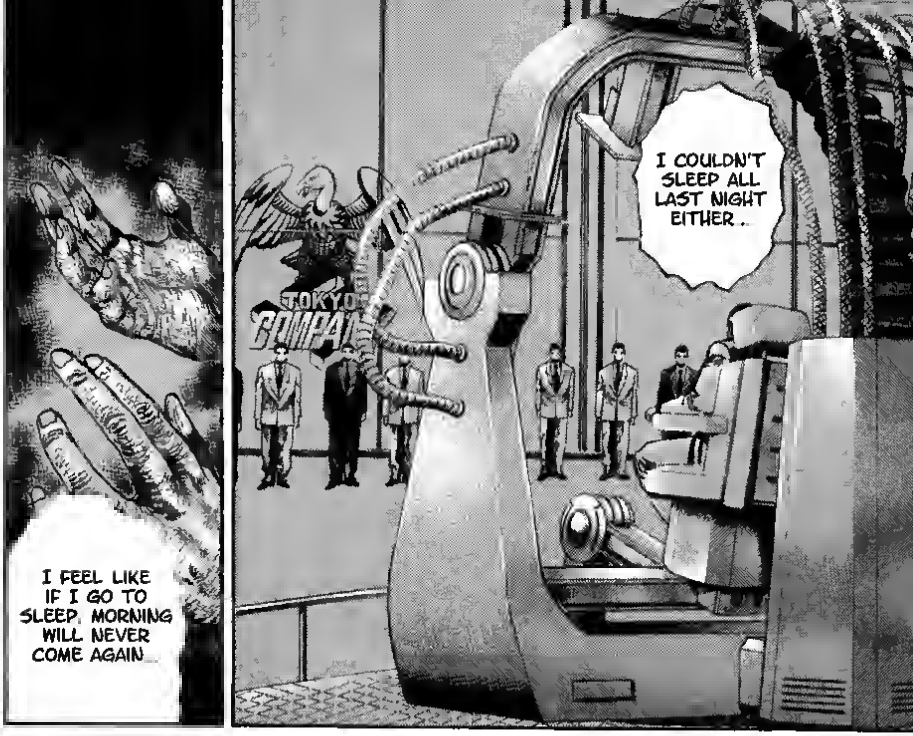
B... BUT...

NOT UNTIL I GRAB TRUE FREEDOM WITH THESE HANDS...

YEAH, JIN! YOU'RE OUR HERO!
ARE YOU KIDDING!? AT A TIME LIKE THIS...?

I... I CAN'T DIE.

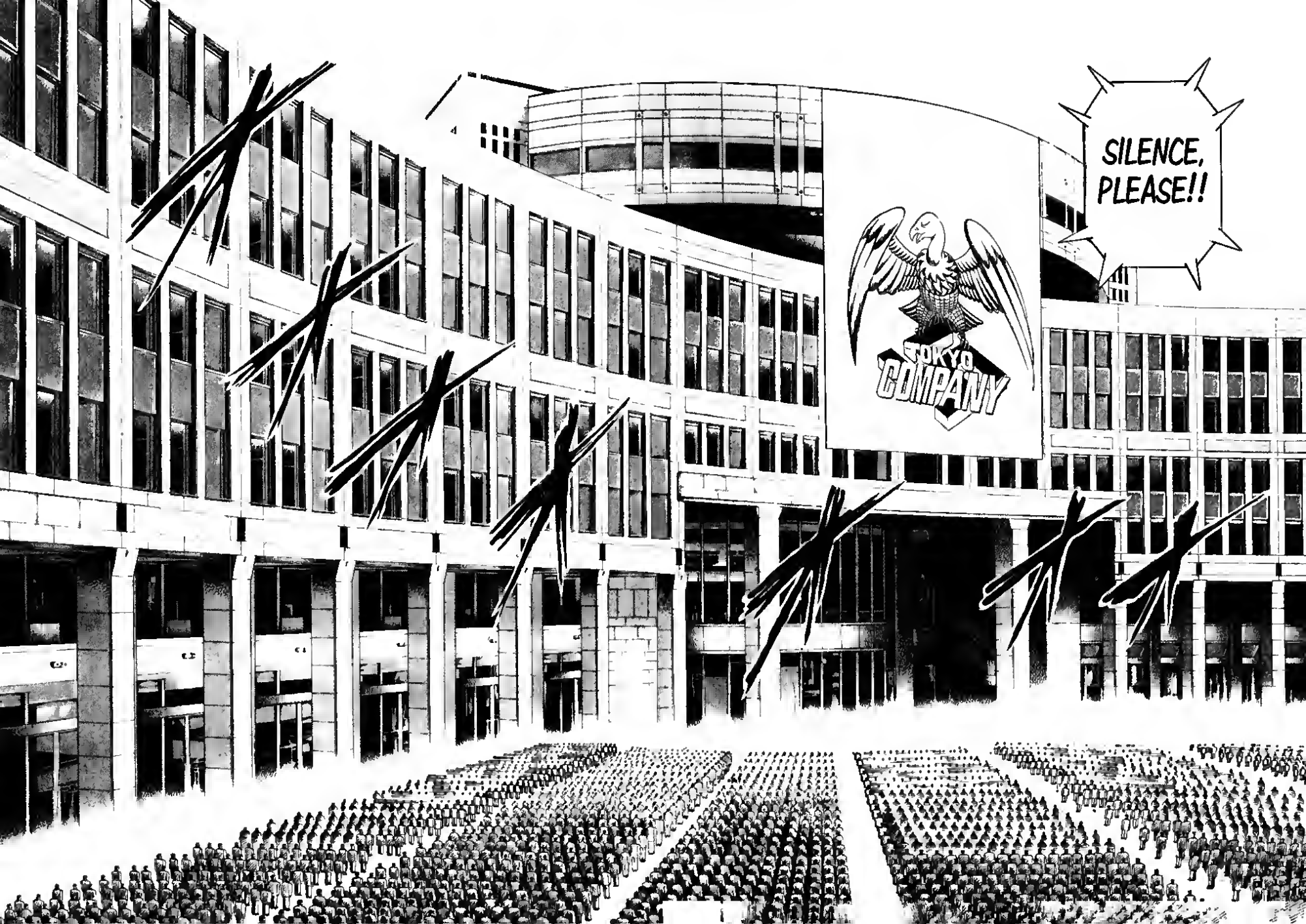
TOKYO
BOMB4NY


I FEEL LIKE IF I GO TO SLEEP, MORNING WILL NEVER COME AGAIN...
TOKYO COMPANY
I COULDN'T SLEEP ALL LAST NIGHT EITHER..

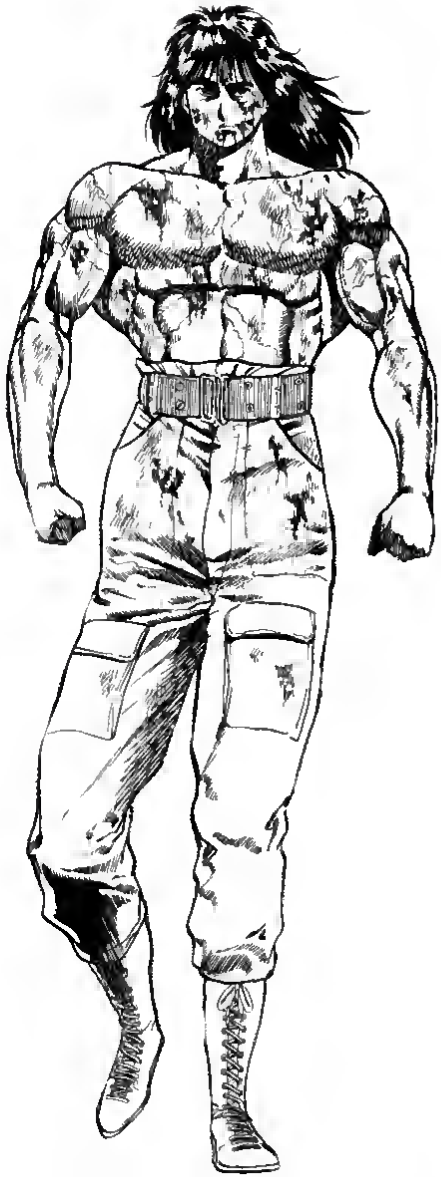
TOKYO COMPANY
YOU SHOULD BE CELEBRATING! TOMORROW IS YOUR 135TH BIRTHDAY!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, SIR?

FU... TO ME THERE IS NO WORSE A DAY!
CELEBRATE A BIRTH-DAY...!?

HAVEN'T WE GOT ANY RESULTS FROM THE IMMORTALITY RESEARCH YET!?
SIR...!!
I DON'T NEED WEALTH, FAME... OR EVEN POWER!!
I JUST WANT TO LIVE FOREVER!


SILENCE, PLEASE!!
TOKYO COMPANY

THAT'S IT, GET OUT HERE!!
LET'S SEE THAT ANCIENT, WITHERED BODY OF YOURS...!!
THE CEO OF THE TOKYO COMPANY IS ABOUT TO BLESS US WITH SOME WORDS!
TOKYO COMPANY



CHAPTER 24
PROPAGANDA

I AM PROUD TO PRESENT TO YOU THE TOKYO COMPANY FOUNDATION MEMORIAL CEREMONY!
CHOSEN PEOPLE OF TOKYO!! EMPLOYEES OF THE TOKYO COMPANY!!

RYOGA!! THE CEO IS ABOUT TO SPEAK TO US!!
I NEED TO SPEAK WITH THE CEO.
I WILL TAKE NO ORDERS FROM YOU!!
POLICE!! RESTRAIN HIM!!

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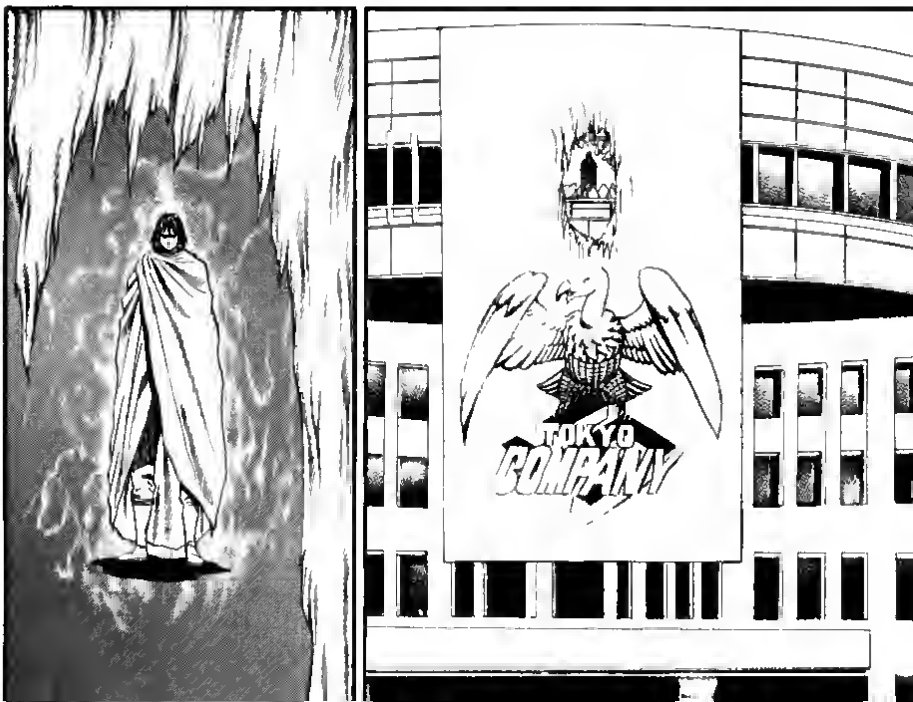
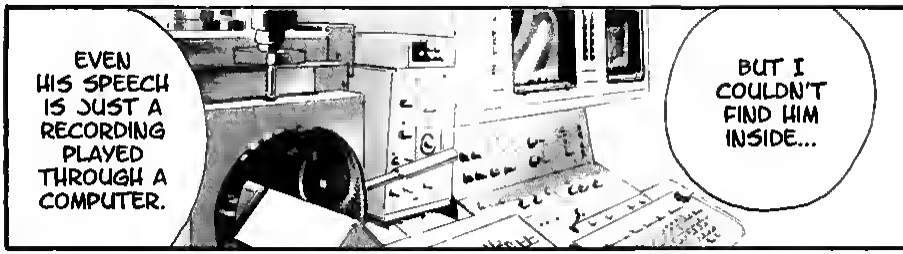
TOKYO
COMPANY
SHOW YOURSELF!
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT.

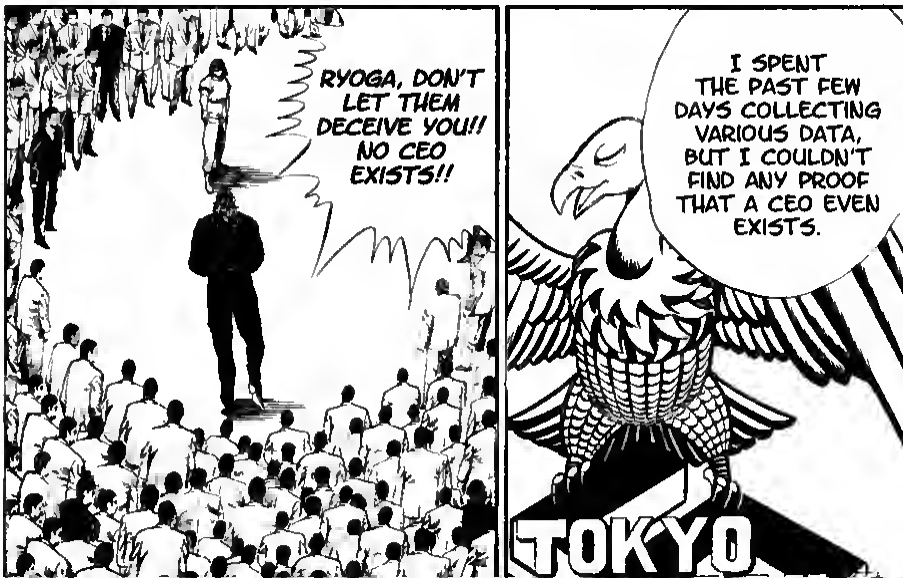
OHHH!
THE
CEO!!


TOKYO
COMPANY

JIN...
IT'S THE WANTED CRIMINAL, JIN!!
YOU ALL JUST STAY BACK THERE.

I JUST WANT TO ASK THE CEO ABOUT WHY WE WERE BORN.
NO. I'M HERE FOR THE SAME THING YOU ARE...
JIN... DID YOU COME TO FINISH THINGS WITH ME!?


EVEN HIS SPEECH IS JUST A RECORDING PLAYED THROUGH A COMPUTER.
BUT I COULDN'T FIND HIM INSIDE...


RYOGA, DON'T LET THEM DECEIVE YOU!! NO CEO EXISTS!!
I SPENT THE PAST FEW DAYS COLLECTING VARIOUS DATA, BUT I COULDN'T FIND ANY PROOF THAT A CEO EVEN EXISTS.
TOKYO

WHAT!?
...NO, HE EXISTS ALRIGHT...

THE CEO IS THE ONE THAT CREATED US HYPER HUMANS...
IN A WAY, HE'S LIKE OUR FATHER...
WE FEEL PAIN AND BLEED...
THE FACT THAT WE'RE ALIVE IS ENOUGH PROOF THAT HE EXISTS.
O... OUR FATHER...!?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS!? JIN...

IT MEANS WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO TAKE OVER THE TOKYO COMPANY AFTER THE CEO DIES!
UGU GUH...
GUAHH!!
BUT THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE SUCCESSOR...

ME!
I'LL TAKE YOUR BODY AND CONTROL TOKYO MYSELF.

FUCK YOU!!

THAT DIDN'T EVEN TICKLE...
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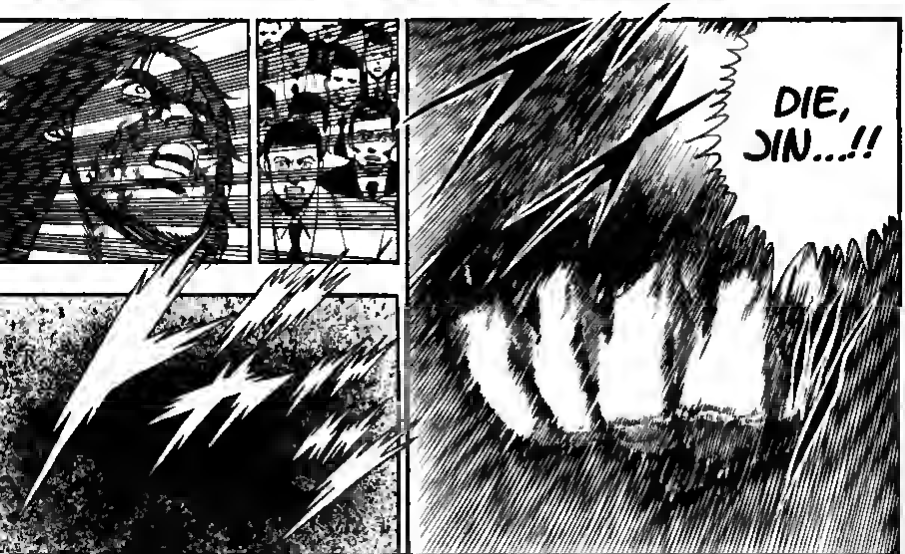
I USED MUSCLE STRENGTHENING STEROIDS TO MAKE MY BODY EVEN MORE POWERFUL.

FUHAHAHAHA! TOKYO IS MINE!!


DIE, JIN...!!

UGUH!
AGAH!
UGYAAAAAHH!!!

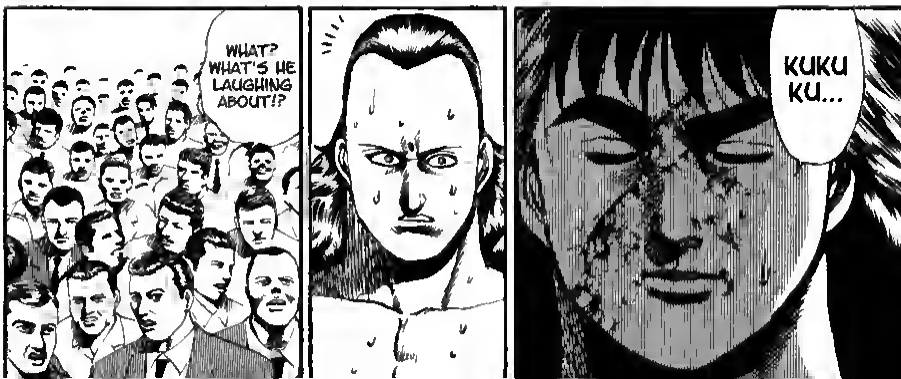
I'M GOING TO DESTROY TOKYO.

AGAH!
UGUH!
TOKYO COMPANY
FINAL CHAPTER DAMNED

I'M GOING TO DESTROY TOKYO!
AGGGGGH!
HIIIE!

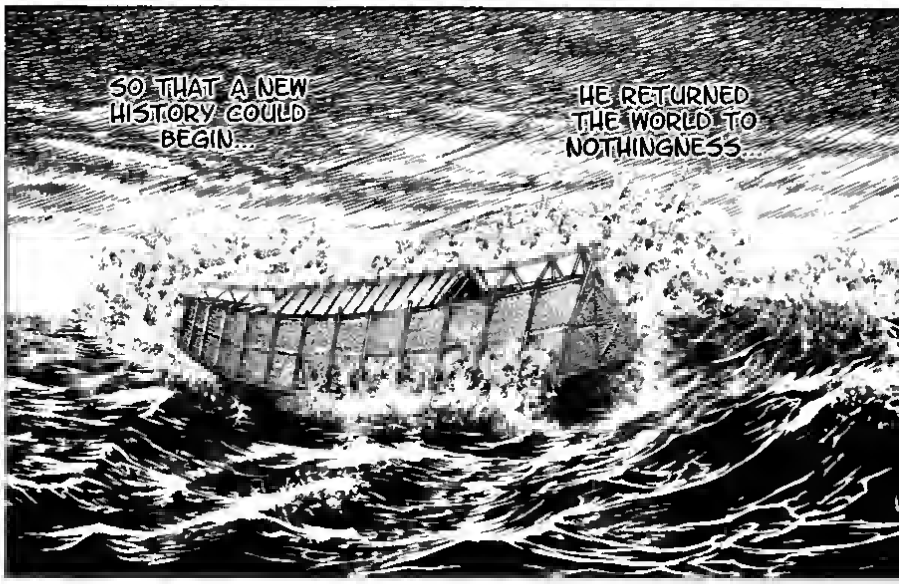
IF I DIE, THE HUMAN RACE IS FINISHED.
I CAN'T DIE YET!
I... I DON'T WANT TO DIE!

UNLESS THEY HAVE A JUST ONE TO LEAD THEM, THEY WILL PERISH.
HUMANS ARE FOOLISH CREATURES WHO ONLY PURSUE WEALTH AND PLEASURE.


WHAT? WHAT'S HE LAUGHING ABOUT!?
KUKU KU...

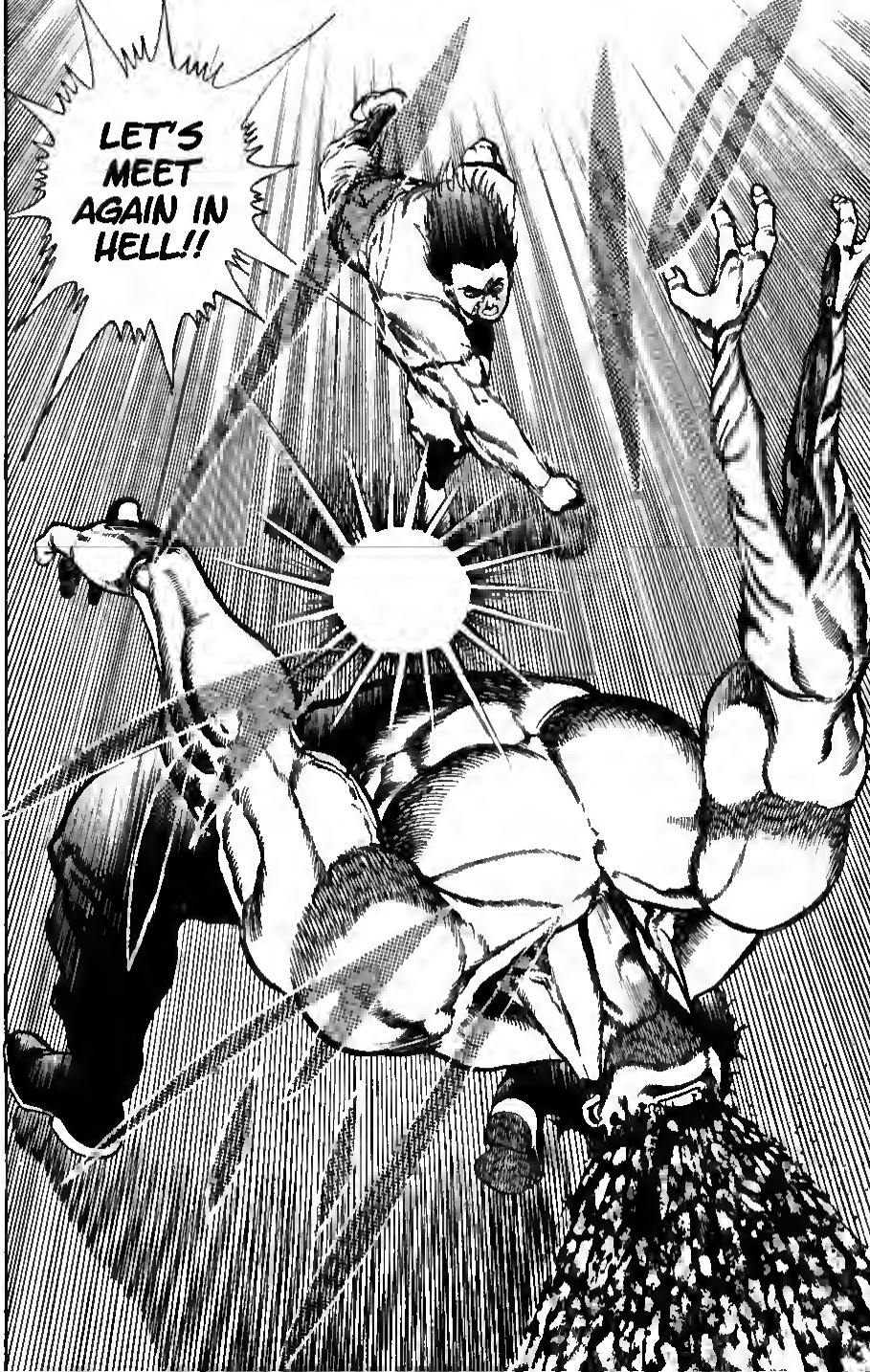
HAHAHAHAHA
HAHAHAHA!

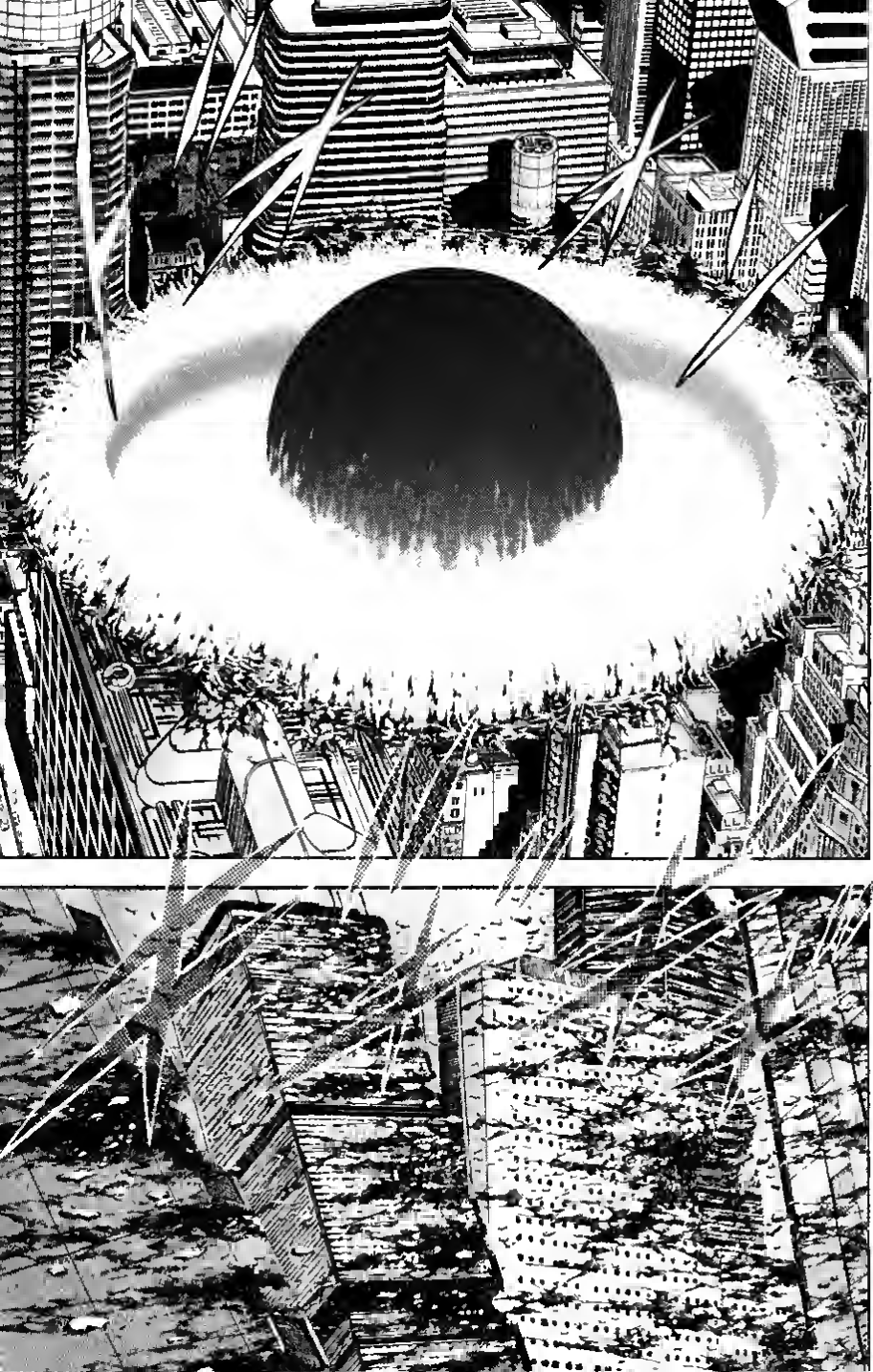
GOD ALREADY PURGED THE HUMANS ONCE LONG AGO FOR BEING TOO PROUD.
WHAT'S SO FUNNY!? JIN...


SO THAT A NEW HISTORY COULD BEGIN...
HE RETURNED THE WORLD TO NOTHINGNESS...

WHAT!?
ALL EMPLOYEES ARE TO EVACUATE AT ONCE!
EMERGENCY!! IT APPEARS THAT THE CO-77 MISSILE WAS FIRED FROM THE NUMBERS DISTRICT!

THE MISSILE IS APPROACH-ING...!!
THE MISSILE IS APPROACH-ING...!!
JIN...!! YOU INTEND TO DESTROY THE HUMAN RACE!?
RYOGA!!


LET'S MEET AGAIN IN HELL!!



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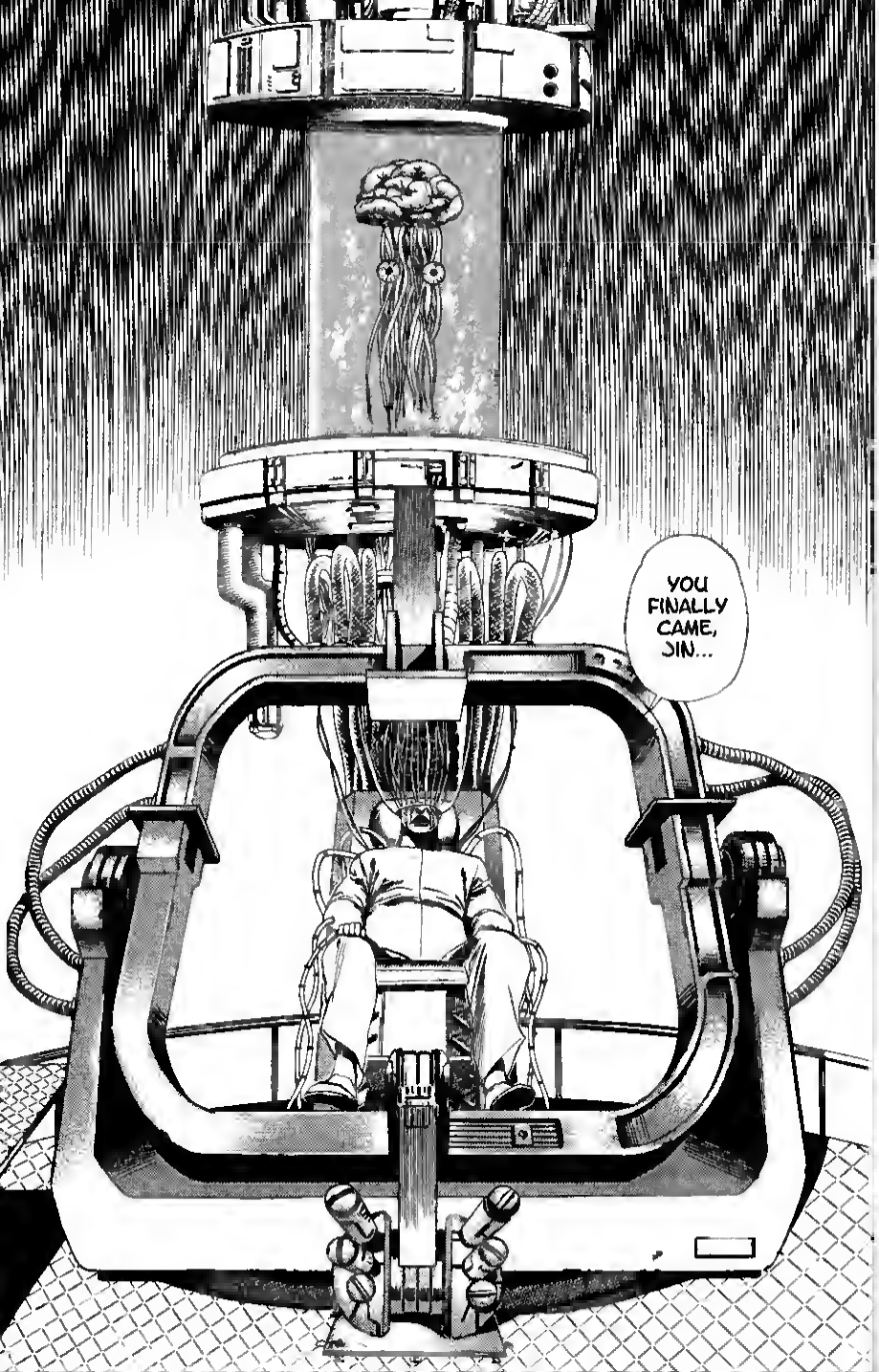
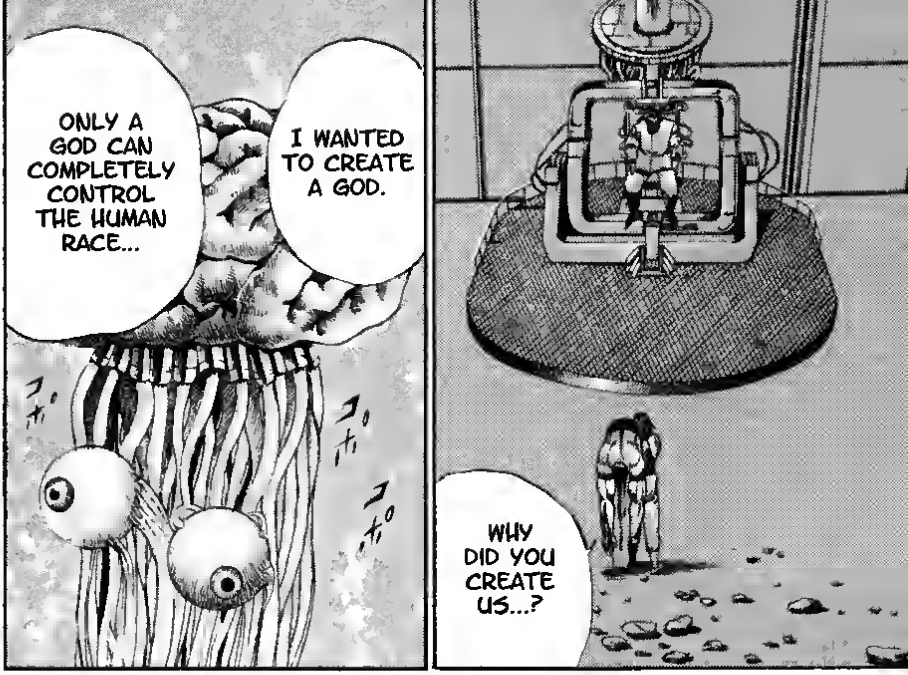
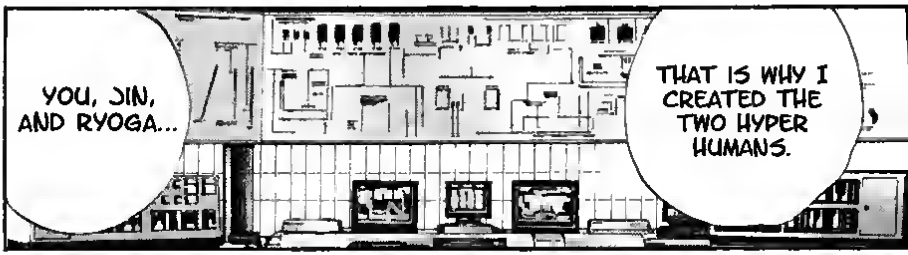
COMPANY


YOU FINALLY CAME, SIN...


ONLY A GOD CAN COMPLETELY CONTROL THE HUMAN RACE...
I WANTED TO CREATE A GOD.
WHY DID YOU CREATE US...?


YOU, JIN, AND RYOGA...
THAT IS WHY I CREATED THE TWO HYPER HUMANS.

GOD AND SATAN.
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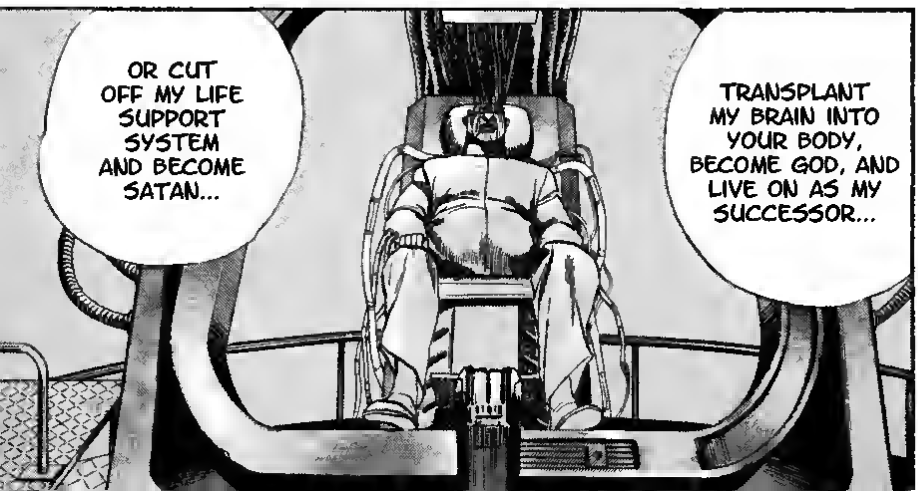
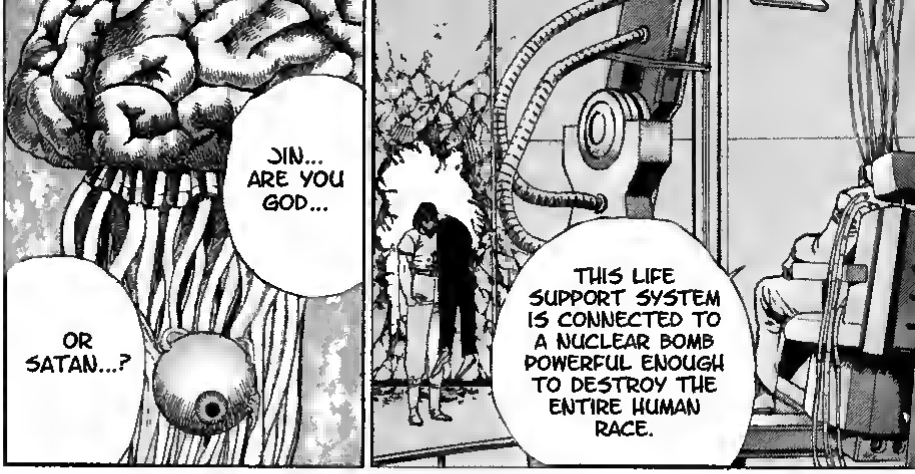
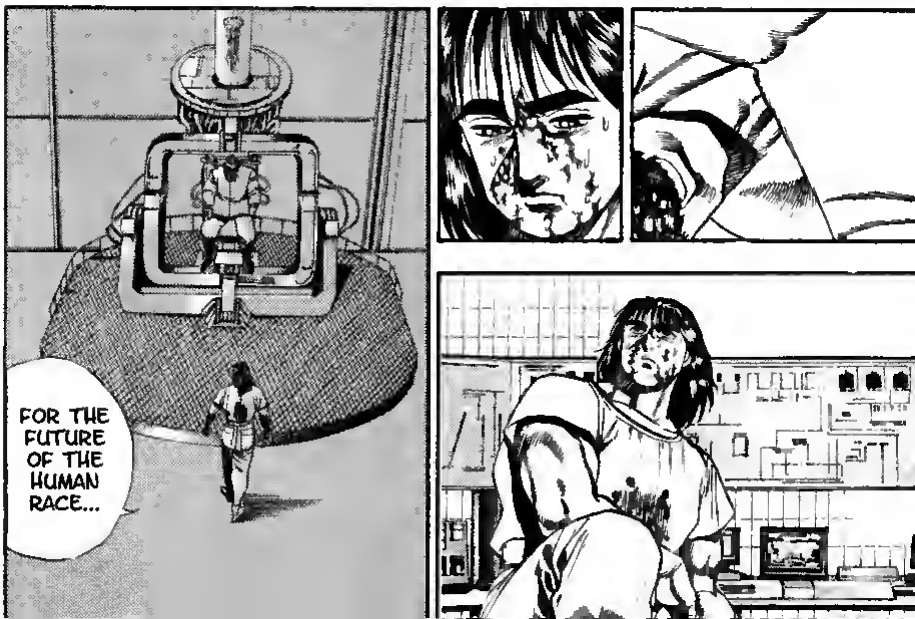
WHY... TWO...?
heh

AM I GOD!?
OR...
SATAN IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO VERIFY GOD'S EXISTENCE.
GOD AND SATAN ARE TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN...

THAT'S SOMETHING FOR YOU TO DECIDE.


OR CUT OFF MY LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM AND BECOME SATAN...
TRANSPLANT MY BRAIN INTO YOUR BODY, BECOME GOD, AND LIVE ON AS MY SUCCESSOR...


JIN... ARE YOU GOD...
OR SATAN...?
THIS LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM IS CONNECTED TO A NUCLEAR BOMB POWERFUL ENOUGH TO DESTROY THE ENTIRE HUMAN RACE.


FOR THE FUTURE OF THE HUMAN RACE...

I'LL GLADLY BECOME SATAN!!

OHHH... MY SON...!!

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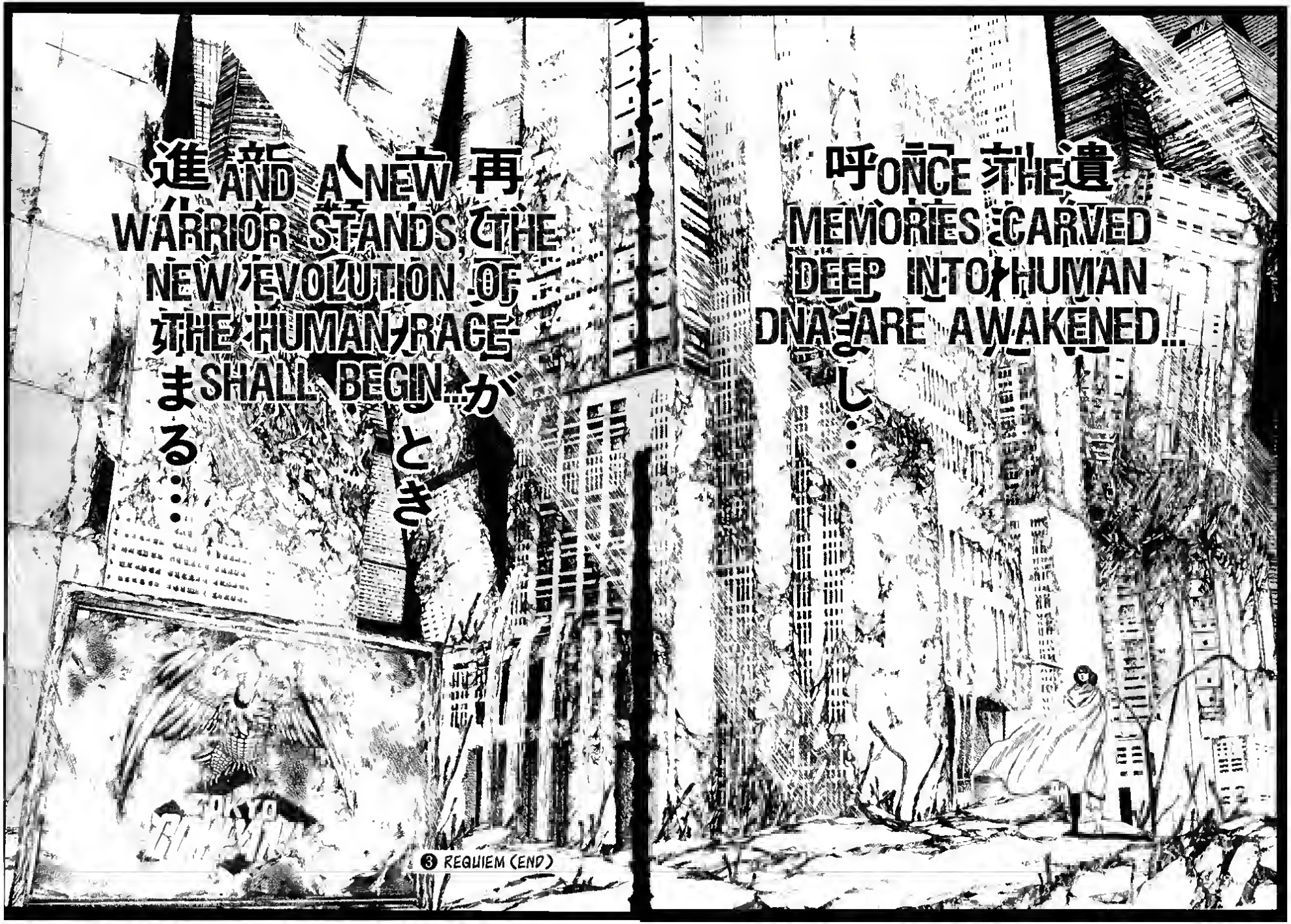
TOKYO...

AND THE WARRIORS WHO FELL INTO HELL...
ON THE DAMNED...
THE CURTAINS CLOSED ON ONE HISTORY...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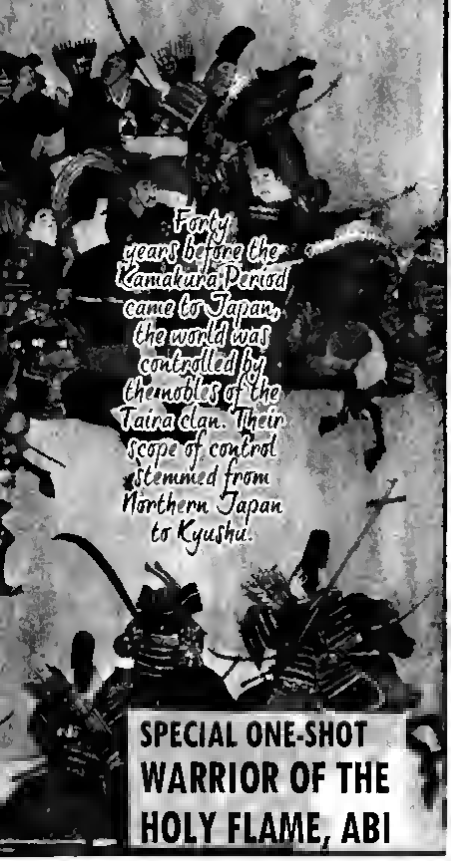
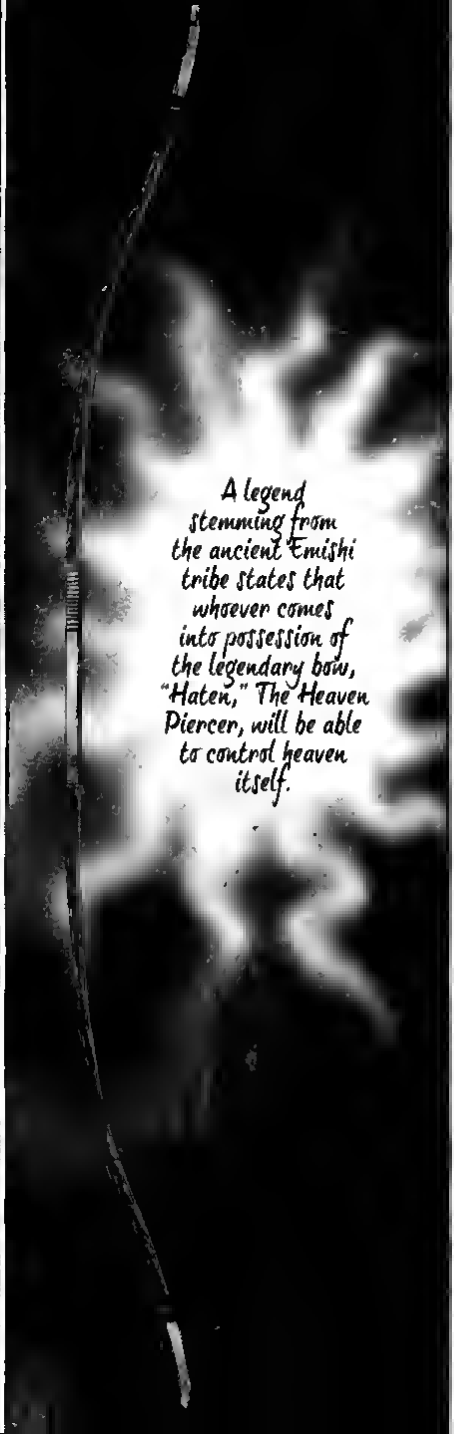

Forty years before the Kamakura Period came to Japan, the world was controlled by the nobles of the Taira clan. Their scope of control stemmed from Northern Japan to Kyushu.
SPECIAL ONE-SHOT
WARRIOR OF THE HOLY FLAME, ABI

Higo-no-Kuni, Aso


A legend stemming from the ancient Emishi tribe states that whoever comes into possession of the legendary bow, "Haten," The Heaven Piercer, will be able to control heaven itself.

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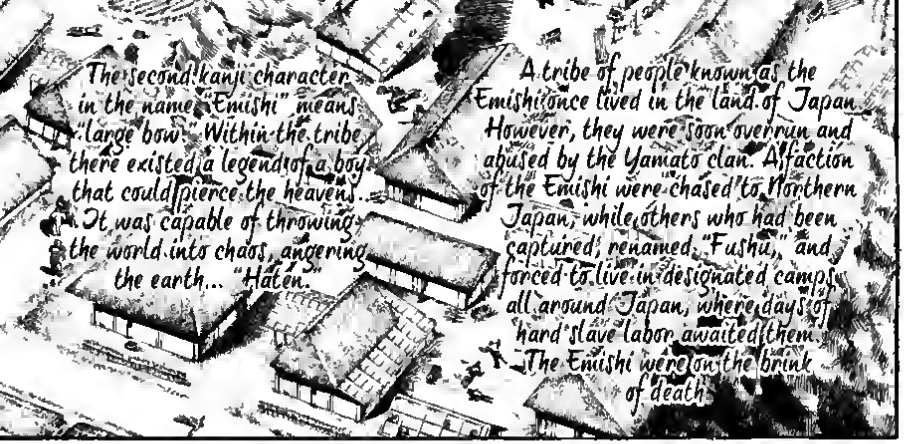
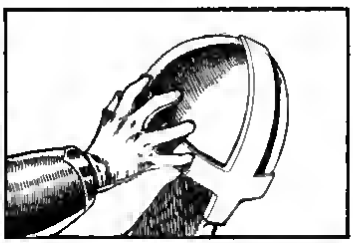

The second kanji character in the name "Emishi" means "large bow." Within the tribe, there existed a legend of a boy that could pierce the heavens. It was capable of throwing the world into chaos, angering the earth... "Haten."
A tribe of people known as the Emishi once lived in the land of Japan. However, they were soon overrun and abused by the Yamato clan. A faction of the Emishi were chased to Northern Japan, while others who had been captured, renamed "Fushu," and forced to live in designated camps all around Japan, where days of hard slave labor awaited them. The Emishi were on the brink of death.

WHERE IS THE LEGENDARY BOW, THE SACRED TREASURE OF THE EMISHI CLAN!? WHERE IS THE HATEN!?



W... WE SURE AS HELL DON'T HAVE IT!
W... WE DON'T KNOW!

THIS EMISHI VILLAGE IS NOW UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE TAIRA!
HAND OVER THE HATEN, OR WE WILL HAVE NO MERCY! NOT EVEN ON YOUR WOMEN OR CHILDREN!

YOU THINK YOU CAN DECEIVE THE EYES OF KAGEAKI, GENERAL OF THE TAIRA CLAN!?

HIEHH!

C'MON, YOU FILTHY LITTLE EMISHI BRAT!
F-- FATHER!
KILL A CHILD TO SHOW THEM WE MEAN BUSINESS.
I'M GONNA CHOP HIS BRAIN WIDE OPEEEEN!

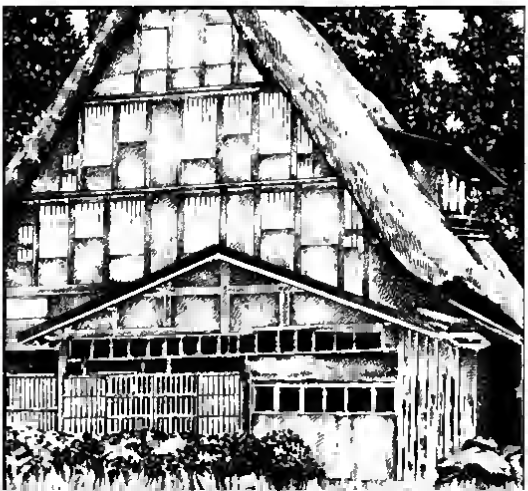
WHAT!? SO THAT'S THE SON OF THE EMISHI CHIEF, ABI!
OHHH, LORD ABI!

WE HAVEN'T LOST YET!
HOW DARE YOU INSULT THE TAIRA CLAN, SLAVE!
HAVE YOU GONE MAD NOW THAT THE MINAMOTO CLAN KICKED YOUR ASSES!?
FILTHY, DEFEATED DOGS OF THE TAIRA CLAN!
SHUT UP!
GUWAHHH!!

GUEHHHH!!
WATCH THE GREAT BOW OF THE EMISHI CLAN!
DIIIIIE, KAGEAKI!!!!
IT CAN SHOOT THROUGH TAIRA ARMOR WITH EASE!

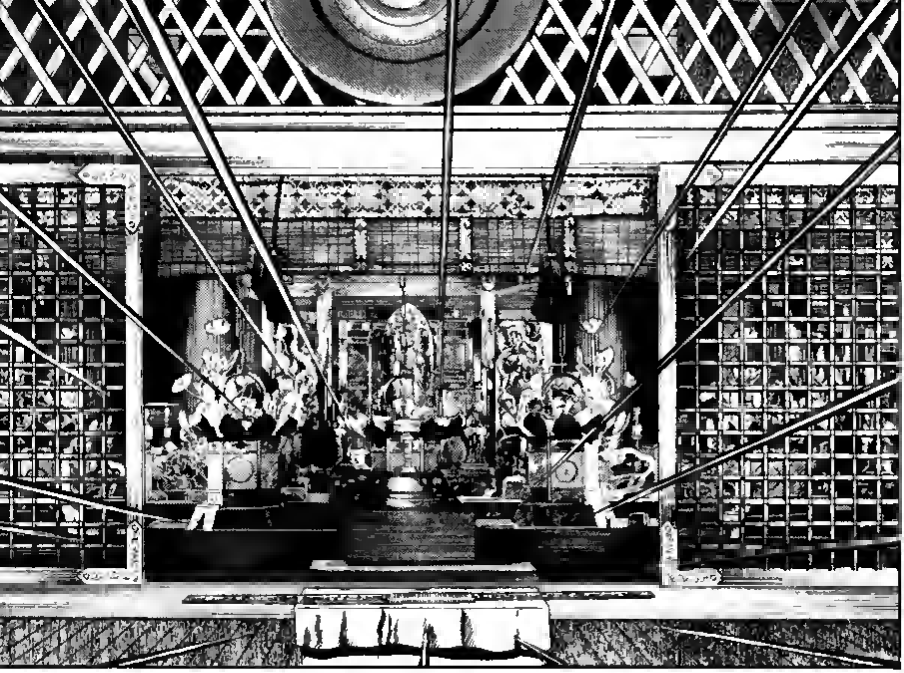
WHAT!?
LORD ABIIII!

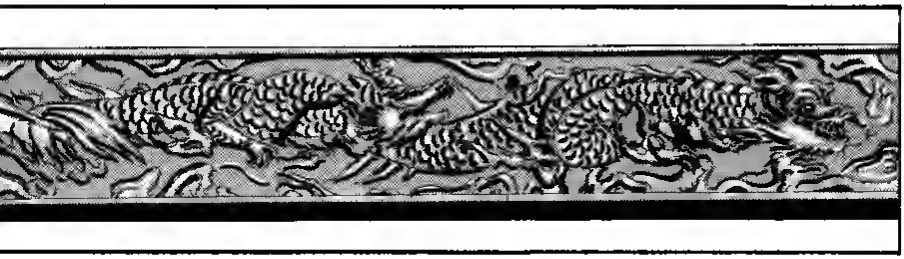
LORD KAGEAKI! WE FOUND THE HATEN.
YOU'RE JUST A RECKLESS BOY WHO DOESN'T KNOW TRUE FEAR YET...
THIS BOY SEEMS TO KNOW WHERE IT IS.
THIS ARMOR WAS USED BY A WARRIOR CLAN FROM THE WEST KNOWN AS THE "CRUSADERS." IT'S IMPENETRABLE BY ANY KIND OF ARROW...



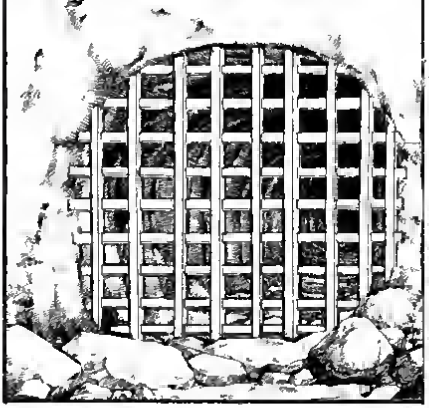
K... KISA! NO!

HEHE HEH...

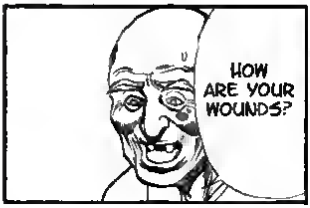




THE HATEN!
THE EMISHI BOW!
WE FINALLY FOUND IT!



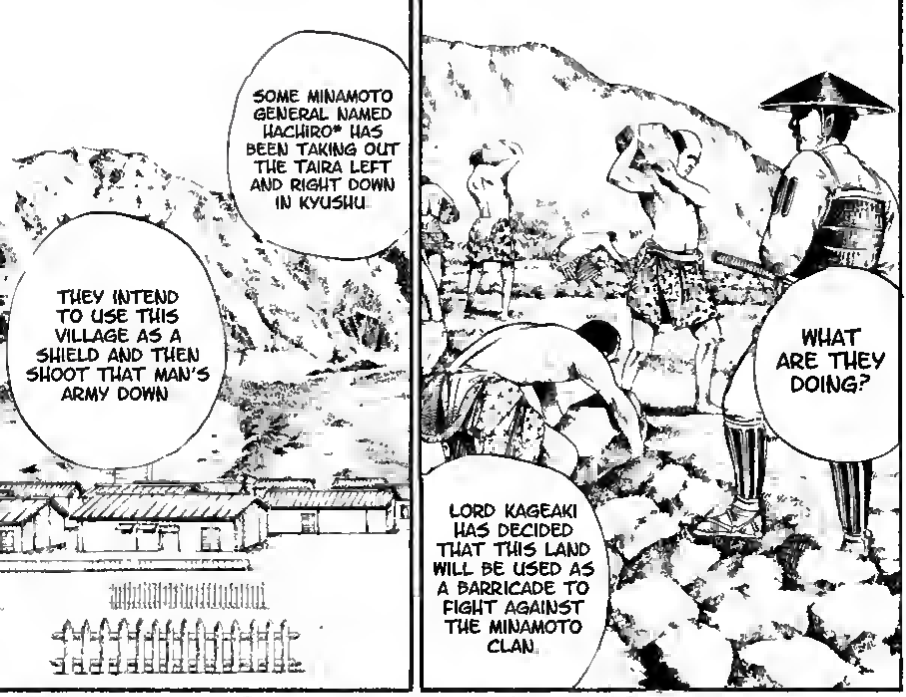
LORD ABI!


HOW ARE YOUR WOUNDS?

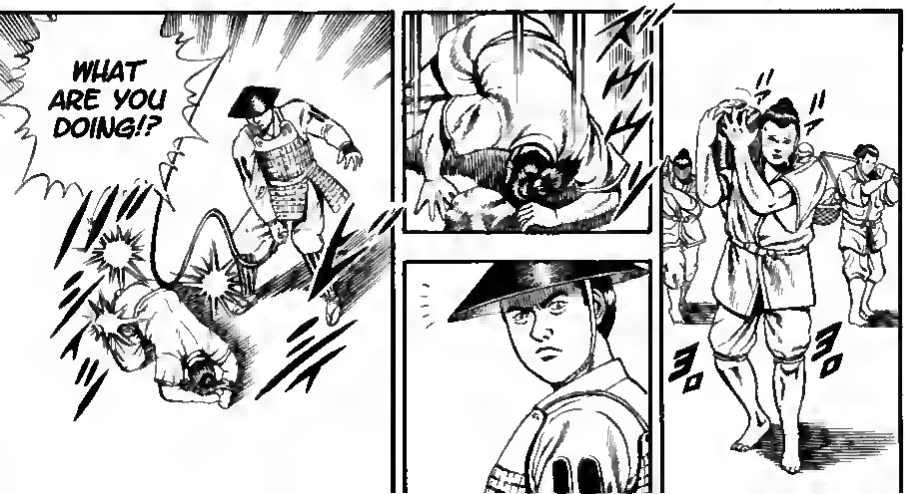
HEH! THIS LITTLE BUGBITE? I JUST NEED TO POUR SOME URINE ON IT AND IT'LL BE FINE.

OH, IT'S JUST YOU, GRAMPS.
OHH, LORD ABI! YOU'RE AWAKE!

HEEEE EEEY! HURRY IT UP!


SOME MINAMOTO GENERAL NAMED HACHIRO* HAS BEEN TAKING OUT THE TAIRA LEFT AND RIGHT DOWN IN KYUSHU.
THEY INTEND TO USE THIS VILLAGE AS A SHIELD AND THEN SHOOT THAT MAN'S ARMY DOWN
WHAT ARE THEY DOING?
LORD KAGEAKI HAS DECIDED THAT THIS LAND WILL BE USED AS A BARRICADE TO FIGHT AGAINST THE MINAMOTO CLAN.

*Chinzei Hachiro Tametomo A legendary archar who evantually bacomes a rival of Abi's.



IF YOU WANT TO SURVIVE, THEN YOU'D BEST PLEDGE YOUR ALLEGIANCE TO HIM
NO ONE CAN DEFY LORD KAGEAKI NOW
WHEN DID YOU GET HERE!?
MUST BE HARD TO BE SO HELPLESS WHILE YOU WATCH YOUR FRIENDS GET WHIPPED, ABI.
HOW CAN YOU BETRAY YOUR OWN PEOPLE!?
YOU'RE ONE OF US! AN EMISHI!
SHUT UP, OLD MAN!
KISAAA AAAA!
HMPH!
KISA! WHAT'S GOING ON!? YOU AREN'T THAT KIND OF GUY!

NUUUU!
UWAA
AHH!

NORMAL BOWS MADE WITH BAMBOO AND WOOD CAN BE BENT NO MATTER HOW STURDY THEY ARE.
WITHOUT FLEXIBILITY, BOWS CANNOT BE STRUNG.
WHAT!? YOU CAN'T STRING UP THE HATEN!?
YES, SIRE!
BUT NOT EVEN USING SEVEN STRONG MEN ALLOWED US TO STRING UP THE HATEN! IT'S UNLIKE ANY OTHER BOW...
THOSE THAT REQUIRE FIVE MEN TO STRING UP.
THE STRONGEST BOWS I KNOW OF ARE
BUT...
I DON'T NEED YOUR ADVICE.

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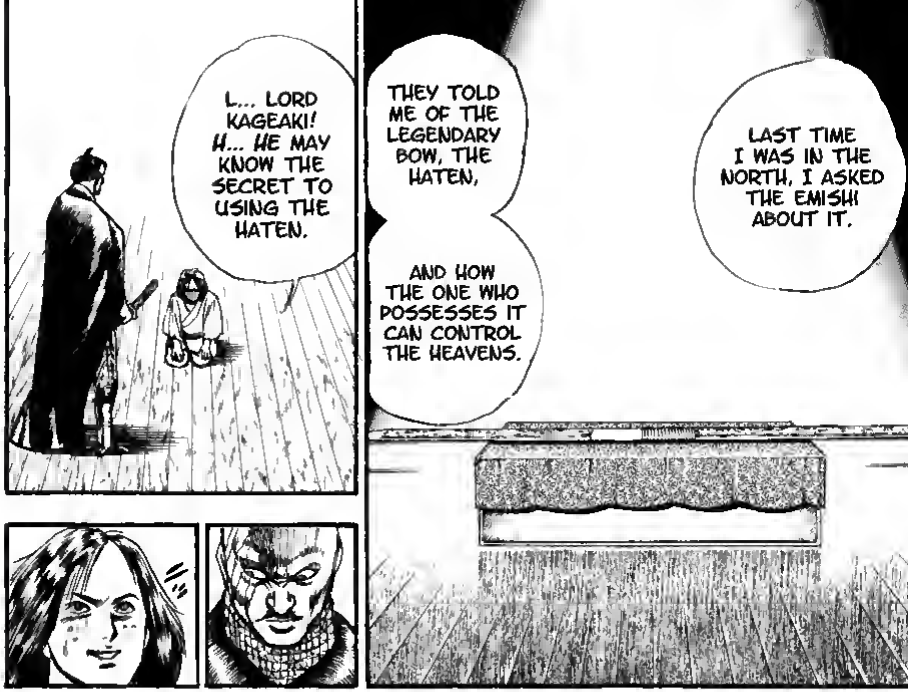
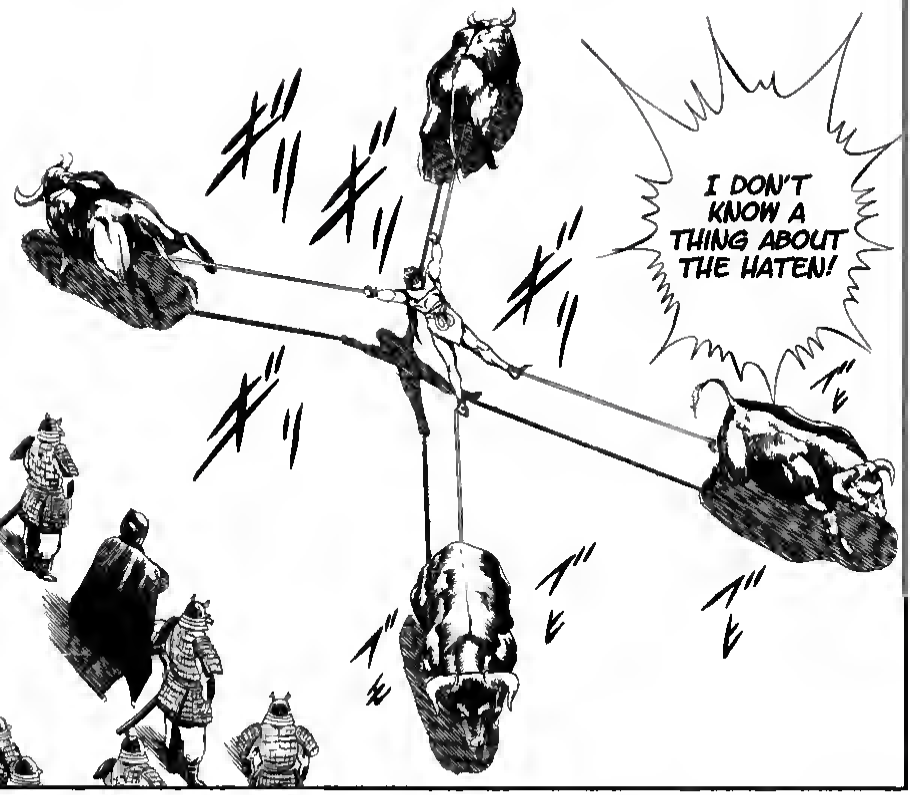

L... LORD KAGEAKI! H... HE MAY KNOW THE SECRET TO USING THE HATEN.
THEY TOLD ME OF THE LEGENDARY BOW, THE HATEN,
AND HOW THE ONE WHO POSSESSES IT CAN CONTROL THE HEAVENS.
LAST TIME I WAS IN THE NORTH, I ASKED THE EMISHI ABOUT IT.

ABI...?


I DON'T KNOW A THING ABOUT THE HATEN!

I... I ONLY KNOW THAAAT!
TH... THE HATEN WILL STRING ITSELF WHEN AN EMISHI WILLS IT!

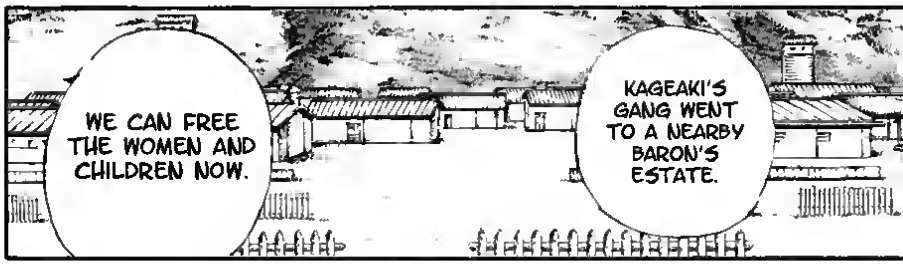
RE-LEASE!

YOU MUST HAVE BEEN TAUGHT HOW TO STRING THE BOW BY YOUR FATHER, THE CHIEF
I DON'T BUY IT.

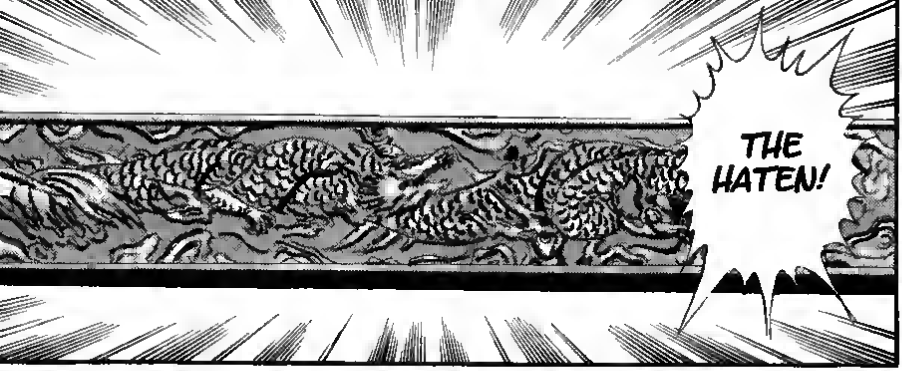
UGAAAAHH!!
I... I CAN'T COUGH UP WHAT I DON'T KNOW!
LORD ABIIII!
C'MON! COUGH IT UP OR ELSE YOU'LL LOSE ALL YOUR LIMBS! HAHAHA!

WHAT!?
IT'D BE A WASTE TO MAKE A MAN LIKE YOU INTO A SLAVE.
KUKUKU. INTERESTING
I... IMPOSSIBLE!

KISA...
WAKE UP, ABI.


WE CAN FREE THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN NOW.
KAGEAKI'S GANG WENT TO A NEARBY BARON'S ESTATE.

HERE, TAKE THIS!
HURRY UP AND ESCAPE, ABI!
KISA!
I WAS WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT.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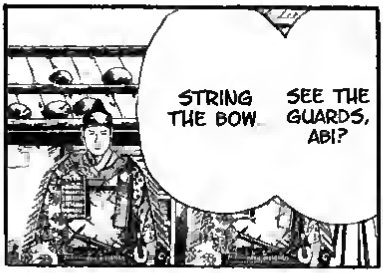
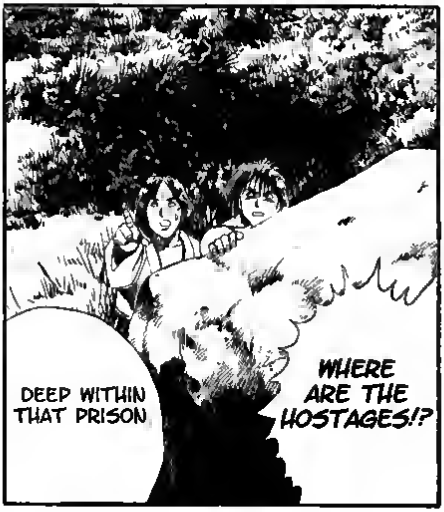
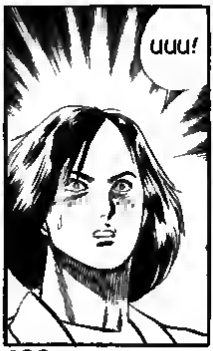

STRING THE BOW
SEE THE GUARDS, ABI?


WHERE ARE THE HOSTAGES!?
DEEP WITHIN THAT PRISON

NO. NOT EVEN I CAN STRING THE HATEN.


UUU!

K... KISA...

HURRY UP AND STRING IT!
WE DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER WEAPONS!
B... BUT!

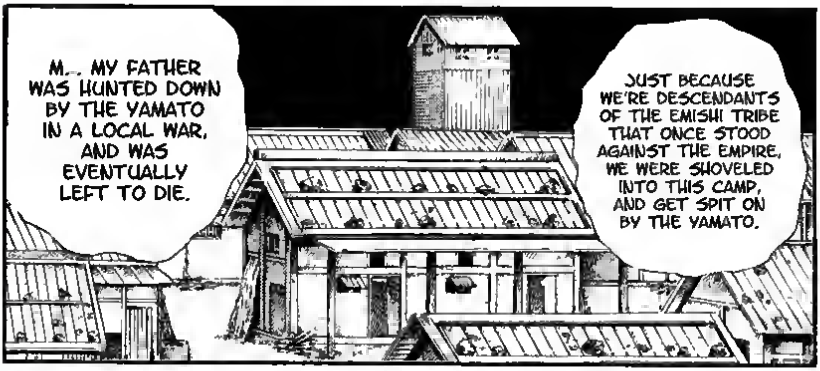
uuu!
KISA, YOU TRICKED ME!
WHAT!?
KA-GEAKI!
SO, WE COULDN'T FOOL YOU AFTER ALL.

KU KUH...
I BELIEVED THAT YOU WEREN'T THE KIND OF GUY WHO WOULD SELL OUT YOUR FRIENDS!
KISA! I BELIEVED YOU!
YOU USELESS DOOOOO OOOG!

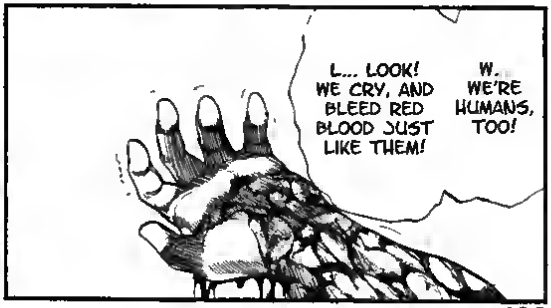
I... I'M SORRY, ABI...
I... I WANTED TO BECOME A YAMATO.

KISAAAA!

A YAMA-TO!?


M... MY FATHER WAS HUNTED DOWN BY THE YAMATO IN A LOCAL WAR, AND WAS EVENTUALLY LEFT TO DIE.
JUST BECAUSE WE'RE DESCENDANTS OF THE EMISHI TRIBE THAT ONCE STOOD AGAINST THE EMPIRE, WE WERE SHOVELED INTO THIS CAMP, AND GET SPIT ON BY THE YAMATO.

KISA...


L... LOOK! WE CRY, AND BLEED RED BLOOD JUST LIKE THEM!
W. WE'RE HUMANS, TOO!

KISA... WAIT! THEY TOOK YOUR SISTER HOSTAGE...?
S... SAVE... MY SISTER!
A... ABI!
WE ALL SAMPLED YOUR SISTER LONG AGO. SHE'S DEEP IN THE GROUND NOW.
FAHAHA HAHAHA! WHAT A FOOL.
KISAAA AAAAA!
ぐはっ
GGGGH.. K— KAGEAKIIII!

I'VE NEVER ONCE THOUGHT OF YOU EMISHI AS FELLOW HUMANS!
THE EMISHI ARE SEPARATE FROM THE YAMATO!
WHY ALL THIS HORROR ...?
WHY!?

YOU THINK AN EMISHI LIKE YOU CAN BEAT KAGEAKI, GENERAL OF THE TAIRA CLAN!?
KAGEAKI! YOU'RE THE ONE PERSON I CAN'T FORGIVE.
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HOOOO! AS AN EMISHI, I WILL DEFEAT YOU.
UOOOOOOOHH!!!
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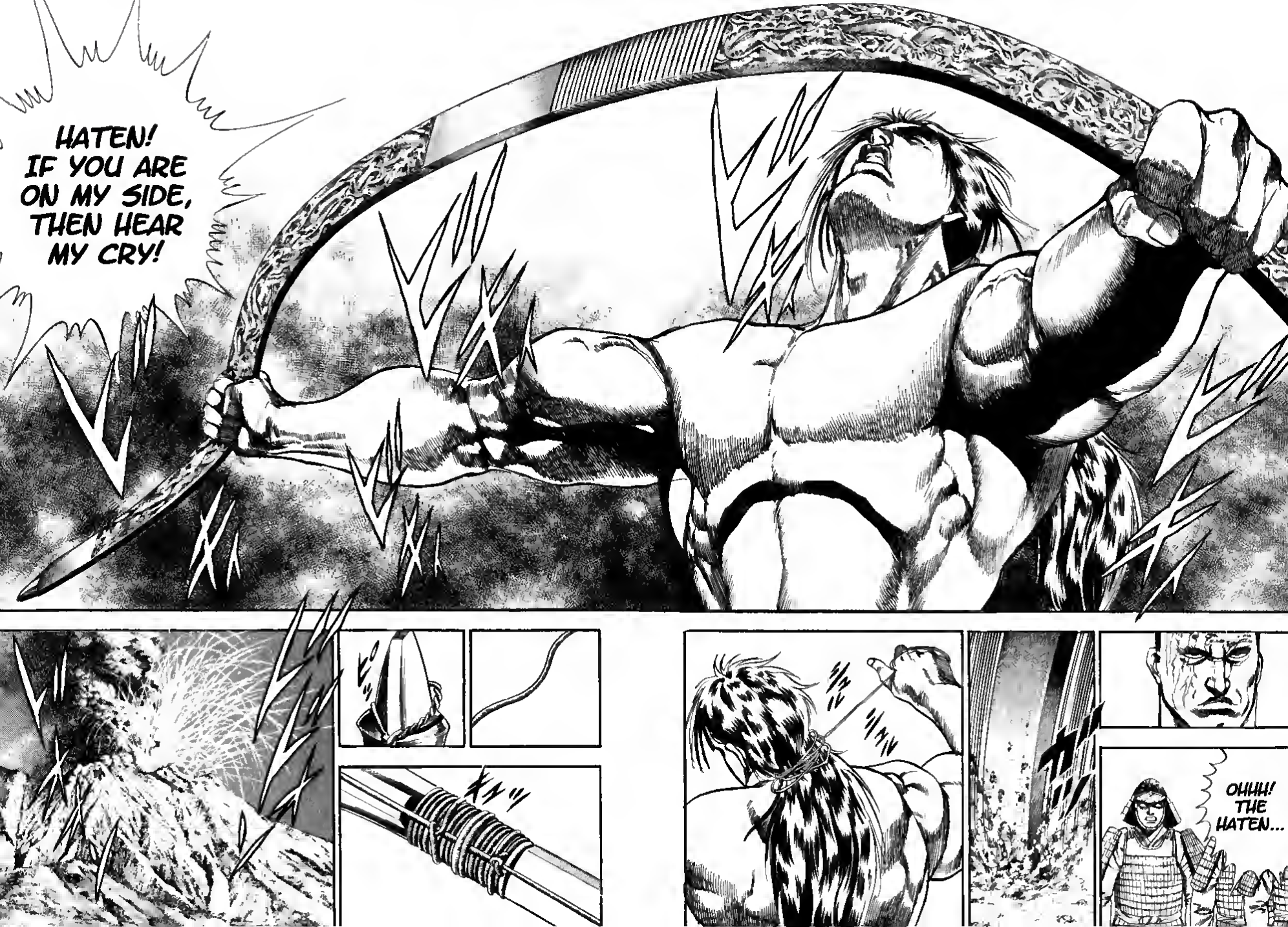
HATEN! IF YOU ARE ON MY SIDE, THEN HEAR MY CRY!
OHHH! THE HATEN...

NOW! STEAL THE BOW!

THE ARROW FLEW AND CURVED AS IF IT WAS ALIVE!
IMPOS-SIBLE!
IT FLIES FROM TARGET TO TARGET AS ITS USER WISHES!
THE HATEN IS A BOW THAT CAN PIERCE THE HEAVENS.

THIS CHANGES NOTHING! IT STILL CAN'T PIERCE MY ARMOR!
ITS ARROW CAN EVEN PIERCE HEAVEN ITSELF!
THE HATEN IS A SYMBOL OF THE ANGER AND SORROW OF THE EMISHI!

HAGAH!
IT... IT CAN'T BE!
M... MY ARMOR...
I WILL HAND OVER THE HATEN TO NO ONE.
AND NO ONE WILL EVER SUBJUGATE THE EMISHI.

SILEEEEENCE, YOU EMISHI VERMIN! YOU COULD NEVER DEFEAT KAGEAKI, NOBLE WARRIOR OF THE TAIRA CLA...
WHAT!?

HYUN!

EVEN THE EMPIRE ITSELF.
I'LL SHOOT DOWN ANYONE WHO TRIES TO EXTERMINATE US...

WARRIOR OF THE HOLY FLAME, ABI (END)

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